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Fatah wins 67 seats on **PA Council**

JON IMMANUEL

AFTER an update of election results last night, the 88-member Palestinian council will include 52 Fatah members, 15 Fatah activists running as independents, 15 other independents, four Islamists, and two affiliated with other parties.

Many women were disappointed to find they had only four seats, instead of the seven that it looked like they had won.

Zahira Kamal and Rana Nashashibi, both strong advocates of women's rights, lost their bids in Jerusalem. Rawya Shawa lost in

This leaves Hanan Ashrawi as the only woman elected in Jerusalem. She came in second with 17,738 votes, way ahead of the rest of the field, beaten only by chief Oslo negotiator and Palestinian Anthority Economics Minister Ahmad Qreia (Abu Ald), who logged 18,618.

The other Jerusalem seats will be held by Ziad Abu Zayyad, wellknown on Israel Radio as a commentator. He is also an arms control negotiator at multilateral talks and editor of the English-language Palestine-Israel Journal. He 10ceived 8,397 votes.

Ahmad Zghaych of Fatah, who heads an agricultural marketing cooperative, also won a seat. The other two are Fatah members Hatem Eid, brother of Bassem Eid the human rights activist, and Emile Jarjoua of Fatah, who won the second Christian seat. Ashrawi

In other changes, PA Sports Minister Azmi Shuaibi won in Ramallah, but Housing Minister Zakaria al-Agha lost in Gaza, the only minister to lose. Marwan Kanafani, Arafat's spokesman, also won a scat.

Imad Falouji, the former Hamas activist who defected to Fatah, and Sufian Abu Zavde, wellknown from his appearances in the Israeli media as a Fatah and prisoners' spokesman, both lost in North Gaza.

Outstanding winners in their districts were former Washington chief negotiator Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, who heads what is now a one-member National Democratic Coalition, with 57,795 votes in Gaza City. He was followed by Fakri Shakouri, Gaza's military intelligence chief, with 54,863. Salah Taamari, married to the former queen Dina of Jordan, scored 17,876 votes in Bethlehem, twice as many as his nearest rival.

The figures were supplied by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center.



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Foreign Minister Ehnd Barak and retired general Colin Powell meet in Washington yesterday.

Israel, Tunisia to open interest sections

ISRAEL and Tunisia will open interest sections in the Belgian embassies in Tunis and Tel Aviv by April 15, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced yesterday.

The offices will facilitate bilateral "political consultations, travel, and trade," Christopher, flanked by Foreign Ministers

portant step forward in the long journey to normalized relations between Israel and its neighbors in the Middle East and through-

out the Mediterranean ... I look forward to the further development of our bilateral relationship with Tunisia."

Christopher called the development "an important step to Eand Barak and Habib Ben Yahis, told reporters at the State.

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"This step today reflects how far the peace process has come and how dramatically it is changing the Middle East for the better," Christopher said.

The announcement followed an hour-long luncheon meeting. at which the three discussed ways to "maximize the benefit" of the agreement, Christopher said, adding that the US will "continue to stand by those who take risks for peace."

In their earlier bilateral meeting, Ben Yahia and Christopher discussed expanding bilateral economic ties and increasing US investment in Tunisia through the Overseas Private Investment

Corporation. The two also discussed threats against Tunisia in light of its advancement in the peace process. and Christopher said the US takes "such threats seriously."

Asked when relations with Israel will be fully normalized, Ben Yahia said Tunisia's policy is that there must be "harmonization between the normalization process and the peace process itself."

FM: Elections won't dictate peace terms

THE 1996 Israeli and American elections will not dictate Jerusalem's approach to negotiating a peace treaty with Syria, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said yesterday.

"I think the US understands our position - that you can't tie the diplomatic process to the elections. We have to handle the advancement of the process according to the will of the parties to reach peace," Barak told Israeli reporters following a White House meeting with National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, at which President Bill Clinton briefly participated.

"What we get done before the elections we get done ... and what we don't we'll get done after the elections," he said.

This approach will help con-vince the Israeli public that the Peres government is handling the negotiations in a "responsible

manner," Barak said.
"It wouldn't be right to conduct a negotiation when it has a target date hanging over it, or even [create] the sense that we are willing to cut a deal at any price. A target date has a nature that gives the other side an extra card," said Barak.

He added that the complex set of agreements that need to beconcluded to end the Israeli-Syri-

an conflict - including pacts on water, terrorism, Lebanoo, and security arrangements - "cannot be solved with the wave of a hand." This is what accounts for the "slow" progress in the peace talks, Barak said. The talks resume in Maryland tomorrow.

Clinton told reporters the US will stand by what the parties conclude, but would not impose any solutions. This US approach to the peace process has accounted for the diplomatic successes in the Middle East over the last three years, he said.

At the State Department earlier, Christopher told reporters that the US, Syria, and Israel are "all aware the peace process is cotering a critical phase and we have a lot of work ahead of us." He said he and Clinton hope that a peace agreement could be

reached this year. Barak, on his first visit to the US as foreign minister, is to meet with congressional leaders today before flying to Israel tonight.

Syria's highest political body said yesterday the resumed peace negotiations with Israel are "a positive step" oo the way toward achieving a peace settlement.

The Central Command of the National Progressive Front, which groups six political parties dominated by the ruling Baath Party, reiterated Syria's commitment to "a just and comprehen-sive peace," based on an Israeli withdrawal from Golan Heights and southern Lebanon.

Meshulam gang faces probe for taunting Shahal

A PROBE is to be launched into the activities of Uzi Meshulam's followers, following a TV news item broadcast Sunday night showing their children banging Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal in effigy.

National investigations chief Cmdr. Yossi Levy, who announced the investigation, said Meshulam's followers have set Shahal as a target. In the film shown or Channel 1, the supporters' children danced around the effigy in Haifa chanting, "Shahal, your time is up."

MKs discuss threats to Shahal; Meshulam petitions

for release, Page 3.

However, Levy vehemently denied a report that armed militia groups of Meshulam's supporters are being formed in the

"There are no such armed militia groups," said the Israel Police spokesman. However an investigation has been launched by the National Crimes Squad into allegations of illegal activities and distributing seditions

Since the 1994 siege at Meshulam's Yehnd home, which culminated in his imprisonment, police have continually warned against possible dangers by fringe elements of the group.

One senior police officer said then: "The 'fun' is just starting. These people are dangerous. Meshtilam has all the psychological characteristics of a sect leader - brilliant, charismatic, paranoid, mad, and his behavior is without limits. He also has extraordinary powers of persuasion. His supporters follow him

A. TV broadcast yesterday

showed Mesbulam's supporters singing a jingle which included the words: "Shahal - a highclass thug ... at Yehud be tried to shut all our mouths ... He murdered Shlomi [Assoulin,

police helicopter] in cold blood .. Shahal, your time is up."
A shocked Shahal said yesterday the police would not respond hastily, but that Meshulam's group is extremely dangerous. Some two weeks ago three of Meshulam's followers were arrested near Shahal's Haifa home after posting anti-Shahal filers through postboxes

shot dead when he fired at a

in the area. "After the murder of prime minister Rabin there has been a continuation of shocking material," said Shahal yesterday. "It shows us that we have awoken to a new era."

A senior police officer said yesterday police must investigate and be "extremely careful, especially in view of the latest anti-Shahal activities."

This is the first time a minister has been deliberately target-ed," said the officer. "We cannot ignore the danger this group poses. As we have learned recently, actions begin with words."

Security around Shahal bas been beefed up in recent weeks, but the film of his effigy hanging "is the last straw," said the

Meshulam and his group have always displayed anti-police and anti-establishment banners, vowing vengeance for the "disappearance of thousands of Yemenite children" some 40 years ago. They have not targeted a specific public figure until now. Meanwhile, the Police Minis-

try, together with Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, is considering splitting up Meshulam and his 11 followers, currently incarcerated together in the Leshem wing of Ramle's Ayalon Prison.

Amir trial resumes as **High Court** rejects plea for delay

EVELYN GORDON

THE trial of Yigal Amir will resume today in Tel Aviv District Court, after the High Court of Justice yesterday threw out a petition asking for a postponement.

It is still not known how Amir will plead, since lawyers Jonathan Goldberg and Mordechai Offri have said their client "only meant to paratyze Yitzbak Rabin" and not to kill him. Another possible line of defense will be insu Goldberg has already said he inends to bring medical experts to testify on Amir's mental state.

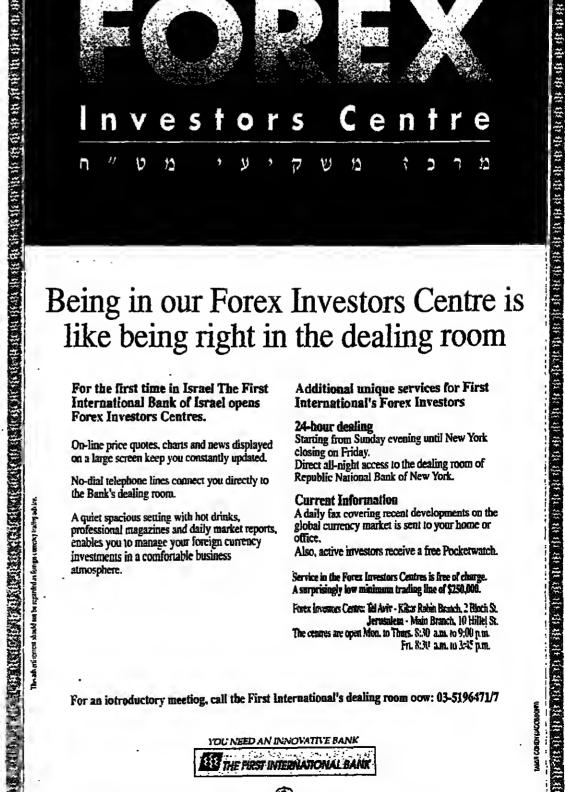
Goldberg wanted the trial post-oned until after the Shampar clasions, saying the commission's findings might influence his line of defense. He also charged that he has not yet received all the evidence from the District Attorney's Office, and that he has not yet had a chance to study some of what he has received, because it was given to him only within the last few

Tel Aviv District Court Judge Edmand Levy had rejected Goldberg's request for a continuance, saying the Shamgar Commission's findings are irrelevant to the case, and that the state had already given Goldberg all the evidence. Justices Theodor Orr, Yitzhak Zamir, and Zvi Tal upbeld this decision. The High Court does not inter-

fere in procedural decisions made by lower courts about a trial, the justices said. Even if it did, however, there would be no justification for doing so in this case, because Goldberg's claims were groundless, they added. Furthermore, they noted, Levy

said he would reconsider Goldberg's request for a delay if cirtances changed. If new evidence is received, the defense is free to reapply, they said. Raine Marcus contributed to this

report.



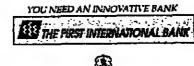
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Liba'i: Freeing Jews who killed Arabs is possible

EVELYN GORDON

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i said yesterday that if Israel releases Palestinian prisoners guilty of killing or injuring Jews, he will consider President Ezer Weizman's suggestion to release Jews guilty of killing Arabs as well.

Speaking to reporters in Gaza, Liba'i noted that Weizman has said in the past that be will pardon Jewish killers of Arabs if Arab killers of Jews are set free. Liba'i — who must forward requests for pardons to the president — said that while he has not yet made up his mind on the issue, he would certainly consider Weizman's idea.

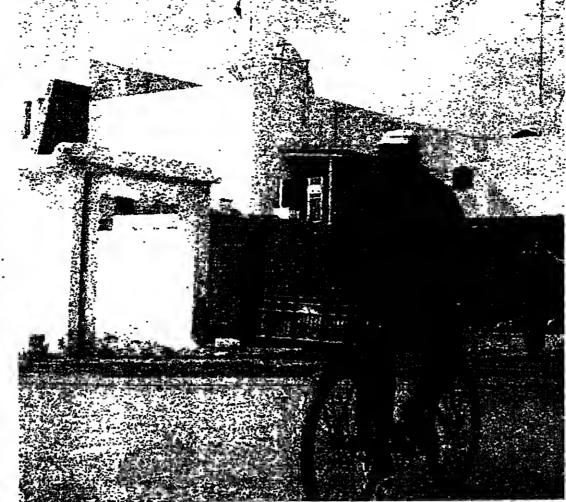
"There is a certain problem of reciprocity here," he said.

The justification for releasing prisoners under the Oslo accords is that their crimes were committed for ideological reasons, as part of a struggle that has since

been resolved by the peace process. However, Jews who killed Arabs were also usually motivated by ideological reasons, and could therefore argue that an amnesty on crimes committed as part of the Arab-Israeli struggle should apply to them as well, Liha'i explained.

Liba'i was in Gaza for a meeting of the joint Israeli-Palestinian legal committee. The meeting was canceled by Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Medeio, because the newly elected PA council has not yet decided who will hold the justice portfolio.

However, Liba'i used the opportunity to warn Ahu Medein that if the PLO fails to amend its covenant calling for Israel's destruction, this would have "serious consequences" for the peace process.



A Palestinian man rides his bicycle yesterday past the Gaza City building that is to house the Palestinian Council. Announcement of the Gaza vote results has been held up pending a recount.(AP)

Bassam Abu-Sharif returns from Jordan today

JON IMMANUEL

BASSAM Abu-Sharif, the former terrorist who hecame the foremost PLO spokesman for Israeli-Palestinian recoociliation in the months before the Oslo oegotiations, is to return from Jordan

Abu-Sharif, whose family comes from Jerusalem, found himself abroad as a student when the Six-Day War erupted in 1967. He joined the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and never held an official position in the PLO, but became very close to Yasser Arafat in 1974, following an epiphany he experienced in 1972, after the Mossad sent him a book on South American guerrilla leader Che Guevara.

The book exploded in his face, blinded him in one eye, deafeoed him in one ear, and tore off two

THE US yesterday congratulated

the Palestinians on Saturday's

elections, saying that they "serve

as a testament to the ability of the

peace process to produce results

Nicholas Burns said in a state-

ment that with the elections over,

"it is important that the newly

elected [Palestinian] council pro-

mote democracy, the rule of law,

He said the US will continue to

'We share the view of the in-

help the Palestinians in develop-

ing democratic institutions.

State Department Spokesman

for those who embrace it."

and human rights."

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Abu-Sharif was the chief spokesman for the PFLP, when it was hijacking planes and organizing such spectaculars as the Lod Airport massacre.

Ahu-Sharif became well-known from his appearance on the cover of Time magazine. He also claimed he gave the master terrorist "Carlos" his nom de guerre. But he denied, after his hrush with death, that he was anything more than a PFLP spokesman and editor of its magazine Al-Hadaf.

On his recovery bed, "with a tube down my throat and my jaws wired together, there was nothing to do but think," he wrote in an

ternational monitoring commit-

tee that the election was a successful and historical opportunity

for the Palestinian people demo-

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France also hailed the huge

President Jacques Chirac was

one of the first world leaders to Jewish travelers.

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'Through you, the Palestinian

people have clearly chosen

peace, stability and economic de-

velopment in the Middle East,"

he told him in a letter.

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Abu-Sharif decided that violence was not the way and, in 1974, "went to the Palestinian National Council meeting in Algiers a changed man ... I made a very important discovery: that maybe Arafat was not as much of a hawk as he pretended to be."

From then on, Abu-Sharif encouraged contact with Israelis and became the first stop for any Israeli journalist seeking contact with the PLO.

Arafat used him to send up trial peace balloons, which he usually shot down when Ahn-Sharif came under fire from PLO hawks. However, after the Washington talks began in 1991, the balloons went up faster. Early in

Zo Artzenu says

armed patrols

in territories

HERB KEINON

ZO Artzenu has recently begun

armed patrols on the Gush Et-

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posed to the Palestinian Police.

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He said the same thing applies

to cars coming under attack from

Sackett, along with Lo Art-

zenu heads Moshe Feiglin and

Benny Elon, is currently on trial

for sedition in Jerusalem Magis-

trate's Court for his part in orga-

oizing anti-government protests

Boaz Goldeoherg, spokesman for the Samaria and Judea Police

District, said the police have oot

heard of any armed Jewish pa-

trols, besides the IDF, in the ter-

ritories. But, he said, "we will not

tolerate the formation of

Sackett denied that the purpose of the patrols is to look for a

confrootation with the Palestio-

ian Police. "We do not respond

to orders from the Palestinian Po-

lice," Sackett said. "If there is a

confrootation, it will come from

Currently, the patrols operate

three times a week, four hours a

day, oo the Bethlehem road,

European FMs visit

Orient House

EUROPEAN foreign ministers

Suzanna Anieli of Italy, Dick

Spring of Ireland, and Carlos

Westendorp of Spain met with

Faisal Husseini and other leading

Palestinian officials at Orient

Palestinian sources said discus-

sions centered on the election re-

sults and their effects on the

peace process. There was no offi-

cial Israeli reaction, reflecting the

government policy of not trying

to stop meetings with foreign dig-

nitaries at Orient House, unless

they are heads of state.

House in Jerusalem yesterday.

Sackett said.

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"The idea," said Shmuel Sack-

it has launched

1993, Abn-Sharif hegan talking about a Gaza-Jericho solotion, which few took seriously until the Oslo agreement burst upon an unsuspecting world.

With the Oslo accords, Abu-Sharif disappeared. As he put it, having no official position in the PLO, belonging to no faction, he was seen as "an upstart and interloper" and could not compete with others for a position on negotiating teams and the Palestinian Anthority.

In a telephone interview on Channel 1 last night, he said he supports changing the Palestinian Covenant. "There is no logical reason why the PNC shouldn't amend the covenant in a way that would coincide with the political program of the PLO adopted in 1988."

Deri seeks single electoral list for religious parties

SARAH HONIG

THE religious parties are discussing the formation of a single electoral bloc in the upcoming Knesset race. Representative of the parties conferred yesterday, but with nn result.

The idea is the brain child of Shas's Aryeh Deri, and the other religious parties see his move as chiefly motivated by self

According to the proposal brought by Deri to the National Religious Party and the Agudat Yisrael and Degel Haturah components of United Torah Judaism, all of them would field a single Knesset list. They will retain their independent status, but the slots on the slate would be reportioned according to the ratio of their current Knesset

representation.

That is unacceptable to all of the other parties concerned. Degel Hatorah and Aguda are still hickering over their 1992 deal. Aguda is at present underrepresented with a single MK, and there is no chance in will agree to freezing the status quo. The NRP hopes to increase its representation, and all the parties expect a decline in Shas's fortunes.

Meanwhile, Aguda and Degel are reported as unlikely to run together again. The situation may change before the opening of the actual campaign, but both are now gearing up for separate campaigns.

MARILYN HENRY. EDGAR Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, is expected to announce its merger with the World Zionist Organiza-

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complaining about

fraud in PA poll

JON IMMANUEL

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In Gaza, several ballots in

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WJC, WZO

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candidates against others.

in Hebron.

the World Jewish Congress, is expected to announce its merger with the Wurld Zionist Organization, highly placed WJC sources said last night. The merger could come within the year, at the time of the WZO centennial.

Bronfman is expected to make the announcement this week at the global assembly of the WJC, which opened yesterday in Jerusalem. In the past, Bronfman has suggested that many Jewish organizations are redundant, and that scarce Jewish funds are being squandered to support superfluous agencies.

The merger was seen as Bronfman following his own advice.

The WZO is affiliated with the Jewish Agency. Although the two are essentially indistinguishable, it is not clear how the Jewish Agency would be affected.

The Diaspara-focused WJC was created 60 years ago in a move initiated by the WZO.

Police hold settlement secretary for alleged interference

HERB KEINO

A SECRETARY in the office in Yitzhar was arrested yesterday for allegedly interfering with police trying to track down 10 settlement residents and hand them the administrative orders restricting their movement issued last month.

Boaz Goldenberg, the spokesman for the Samaria and Judea Police District, said that the secretary, Rahel Shibo, 35, interfered with the police.

According to Yitzhar activist Yehuda Lieberman, Shibo asked the policemen to leave her office when they began searching it without proper warrants, and then — when asked the whereabouts of the men — said she did not know them. Most of the men are students at the Od Yosef Hai Yeshiva in Nablus. Lieberman said that nine vans full of policemen converged on the settlement.

Some 15 administrative orders have been issued over the last month against students and teachers at the yeshiva, barring them from entering the yeshiva, and others from travel anywhere in Judea and

The police, however, have not succeeded in tracking down and handing the orders directly to about 10 of the men.

Core of controversy: Palestinian Covenant

Why is cancelling the Palestinian Covenant important?

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has frequently said that the covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, obviously no longer nant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, obviously no longer nant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, obviously no longer nant, which calls for the destruction of Israel says if it really has no validity there should be no problem changing it.

validity there should be no problem changing at The matter is a supreme psychological weapon for both sides, since clearly, whether the covenant is valid or not does not add or detract one ions from the actual ability of the PLO and Israel to destroy each other. Neither will it affect relations with other Arab states. If the Palestinians can cancel it, they can also, presumably, vote to revoke the cancellation at a later date.

How many Palestinians here support canceling it?

About 50% of Palestinians here say the covenant should be changed only when Israel clearly affirms its intention to accept a Palestinian state. The newly elected 88-member council, which will join the Palestinian National Council, may be even more militant.

What does Arafat say to that?

Recent statements by Arafat and his deputy Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) that Saturday's election means that the Palestinians are now "five minutes from statehood" and that they will unilaterally "declare a state within three years" sound militant. But they can also be used by Arafat to argue that the PNC should change the

If elections have set the peace process on the road to inevitable statehood, the Palestinians do not need a commitment from Israel concerning statehood and can only gain by reaffirming their commitment not to destroy Israel.

Will canceling the covenant end terrorism?

Some people will not recognize that the PNC has the right to annul the covenant, however many members do so. The Islamic groups and Abu Nidal, the only people seriously committed to Israel's destruction, are not even members of the PLO or PNC. They are not "legally" bound by PNC resolutions and are free to remaining terrorisms terrorisms. Pelestings "traitors" and Israelis. But like

continue terror against Palestinian "traitors" and Israelis. But like the elections themselves, canceling the covenant will further marginalize these groups.

When was the current PNC established?

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The PNC was established in 1964, The PLO was established at the same meeting. The covenant was published in 1968. Arafat became head of the PLO and PNC in 1969.

How many members does it have?

Different sources give different numbers. Salim Zaanoun, the acting speaker, says 540. Nabil Shaath says 450. PLO executive committee member Suleiman Najjab says there are 482 members outside and 180 members inside the territories, a total of 662. The PNC has met 20 times in 31 years, never with all its members present.

Who chose them and by what criteria were they chosen?

The PNC's membership is divided among the different PLO factions. Each faction sends its representatives to the PNC after electing or selecting them. So the PNC is not a true elected body. It has sometimes met with only members of Fatah and its affiliates, after opposition groups in the PLO boyconed it.

Does Arafat need to bring in exiled Palestinians to win a two-thirds majority for changing the covenant?

Since Israel began allowing exiled Palestinians to return in early 1993, about 200 members of the PNC have already returned, by Najjab's estimate. This means there are already 380 living under the Palestinian Aothority. If Shaath's low figure of 450 (which is also Arafat's) is accepted as the total, then more than two-thirds of the members already live here. If the high figure is accepted, less than two-thirds live here.

In any case no more than 80 would have to return to reach the required two-thirds, but psychologically it would be easier for PNC members to change the covenant if they felt there were no restrictions on any member.

How many of the PNC members in exile are wanted as terrorists? A handful. The PNC is an all-encompassing body. The most prominent outlaws who have attacked civilian targets are George Hahash, whose Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine hijacked aircraft two decades ago; Mohammed Abbas, who staged the Achille Lauro hijacking in 1985; and Ahmed Jibril, who heads the PFLP-General Command and is also thought to be in the pay of Iran. Nayef Hawatmeh, of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, has normally attacked only military targets.

Jon Immanue

Tzur: We will not abandon SLA or residents of zone

DAVID RUDGE

AGRICULTURE Minister Ya'acov Tzur yesterday pledged that Israel would not abandoo the South Lehanese Army or residents of the security zone in the event of any peace accords with Syria and Lebanon.

Tzur spoke at the inauguration of an agricultural school inside the zone to help train Lebanese in modern farming methods.

As the ceremony was taking place, in pouring rain, there were reports from another sector of the zone that an SLA soldier had been moderately wounded in a roadside bomb attack, as fighting continued in the region.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack near Huleh village, in the zone's central sector. An explosive device was detonated alongside an SLA patrol and simultaneously gunmen opened fire with mortars and heavy machine guns at an SLA position in the same area.

The wounded SLA soldier was treated in the field and was later evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

"There has been cooperation between us for many years which has withstood many tests," Tzur

told SLA commander Gen, Antoine Lahad, as well as many SLA officers and soldiers and residents of the zone who attended the inauguration ceremony yesterday.

He said the blood of SLA soldiers had mingled with that of IDF troops in the joint defense of the region and Israel's northern settlements.

This partnership in war and tension, said Tzur, will continue and strengthen in the event of peace in the region and Israel will stand by its commitments to all residents of the zone.

"This is not mere talk, but a fact a life which expresses our many years together and it will be the basis for our neighborliness in the future," said Tzur.

The agricultural school, consisting of a high-tech farming greenhouse and chicken shed, was established near the northern border at a cost of \$200,000.

Tzur said he hoped the minifarm would become a model for helping the development of hightech farming in Lebanon, and that in the coming years war in the region would be replaced by economic growth and development.

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Liknd party chief Binyamin Netanyahu (left), former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir (center), and MK Dov Shilansky attend the funeral yesterday in Jerusalem of ideologue Israel

Israel Eldad, at 86

Jerusalem Post Staff

ISRAEL Eldad, who was a prestate underground leader and for years the ideological guide of the right wing, died yesterday at the

The Likud said it had lost the "spiritual father of the Hebrew revolution, who groomed generations of fighters toward the realization of and dedication to the love of the people and the land."

Eldad was buried yesterday afternoon on the Mount of Olives. Born in Ukraine, Eldad be-

came one of the founding members of Betar. He earned a PhD from the University of Vienna and immigrated to Palestine in 1941. After Avraham Stern's death, Eldad was one of the three leaders of Lehi, the most militant of the underground groups fighting for independence. After Israel's independence, the body and the soul."

Eldad became the editor of the nationalist periodical Sulam, which espoused maximalist Revisionist goals of restoring Israel's biblical boundaries.

In 1950 Eldad became a lecturer at the Technion, and his translations into Hehrew included Nietzsche.

Following the Six Day War, Eldad became a leader of the Move-. ment for the Greater Land of

Eldad bitterly opposed the Oslo Accords. During the IDF troop withdrawal from Judea and Samaria last month, Eldad wrote in his weekly column in Yediot Aharonot: "Whoever does not feel the loss and the destruction ... does not understand that this is the most dangerous assassination of all - the daily cutting away of

"NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Oberkovich should be charged The police have recommended charges be filed against Hapoel chairman Yoram Oberkovich and former director-general Ya'acov Avimor for financial wrongdoings, police sources said. The charges are in part connected with the alleged use of Hapoel funds for the 1994 Histadrut campaign of Haim Haberfeld.

Four cops injured in Mea She'arim riot Four policemen were lightly injured during a riot that broke out yesterday after tax collectors converged on a store in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim section, police said. The tax collectors, armed with confiscation orders, were forced to flee by a hostile crowd of haredim who broke windows on vehicles and upset trash bins. No

Kidnapped Jerusalem cabbie escapes A Jerusalem taxi driver was kidnapped by three Arabs before dawn yesterday, but managed to break free after a fight, police said. A police spokesman said both nationalistic and criminal motives are being investigated. The driver picked up the Arabs in the Taipiot Industrial Zone just after midnight. They threatened him with a knife and ordered him to drive towards Ramallah. The Arabs tried to force him to avoid the army checkpoint at A-Ram

but he managed to flee and run to the checkpoint for help, while

his attackers fled in the taxi.

ICCI publishes annual guide The Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel has published its annual Guide to Interreligious and Intercultural Activities in Israel. ICCI director Ron Kronish says the guide now includes 63 groups belonging to the association.

El Al passenger pulled off plane An El Al passenger was arrested yesterday by British police at Stanstead Airport near London after refusing to leave the firstclass section of a New York-bound flight, the airline spokesman Nachman Klieman said. The passenger, identified only as a resident of Eilat, refused to accede to an attendant's request to leave the area, and the crew called the police. The plane was delayed for half an hour while the passenger's baggage was

Two Thai workers found dead Two Thai workers were found dead in their Ganei Ychuda apartment yesterday. They were discovered by their employer who came in take them to work. Police said that mushrooms found near the bodies suggested that had eaten poisonous fungi.

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Postal Bank to fill Friday banking gap

WHEN the commercial banks say "Never on Friday" in a few months, the Postal Bank will take over some of the slack. Negotiations are proceeding between the big banks and the Postal Authority, which plans to offer customeas of commercial banks a number of hanking services on Fridays until 2 p.m.

When the commercial hanks decided agreed last week to institute a five-day week without opening on Friday, the public was upset to lose this popular banking day. The authority, with Postal Bank branches in every post office, intends to fill the gap - the Postal Bank already offers checking accounts without charging the stiff fees of commercial banks.

Anthority director-general Ran Levin, presenting its balance sheets for 1995 at a press confer-

ence yesterday, said that five Postal Bank branches aiready carry out foreign currency exchange transactions for tnurists without charging fees. The authority hopes to increase their number and eventually handle foreign-currency transactions for Israelis as well.

The authority aims at becom-

company, turning its Postal Bank into a subsidiary competing with the commercial banks - even carrying ont some stock market transactions. Levin said mail deliverers will provide data on their customers' names and addresses towards the establishment of a computerized data bank of current addresses.

Since nearly a fifth of all Israe-

to report address changes to the Interior Ministry, there is no other accurate list, and many letters go undelivered, he said.

Another major effort for 1996 is the Ma'aleh Project, in which post office branches will be able to print out forms from a variety of public bodies. This will save the public a lot of red tape, Levin

Meshulam plus seven petition for release

EVELYN GORDON

UZI Meshulam and seven of his followers yesterday asked the Supreme Court to let them out of prison until it rules on their appeal against the conviction for which they are serving time.

Tel Aviv District Court sentenced Meshulam last February to eight years in prison, for endangering lives, conspiracy, aggravated assault, illegal possession and manufacture of weapons, and other charges. Eleven of his followers were sentenced with him. Four of them have already been released. The remaining seven are aerving terms of 21/2-41/2 years.

All eight have appealed their convictions, and the Snpreme Court finished hearing the case in

September, but has not yet issued its verdict.

Attorney Zadok Hugi, representing the group, argued that if the prisoners are not released nnw, must will have already served so much of their sentence that the appeal will be useless even if they win. All have been in iail for about 20 months, including time prior to conviction.

The four who have already been released are not causing any trouble, Hngi added, so it is reasonable to assume that the eight who are still in prison would also behave properly if released on bail. In addition, the court could impose various reatrictions, or even put them under house ar-

Police crack case of stolen hanukkiot

BILL HUTMAN

FIVE ancient hannkkiot stolen last month in Jerusalem were recovered last week when a lawyer tried to sell them back to the Israel Museum.

Lawyer Ariel Leshem and Yitzhak Kimhe, the man he said he was working for, were both arrested. Police said more arrests are likely, perhaps even of museum workers.

The hannkkiot were stolen three weeks ago from Ticho House, where they were on loan from the museum, in what looked like an inside job, with no signs of

Last week, the museum's chief Judaica collector, Iris Fischof, received a series of anonymous phone calls from a man who offered to sell them back to the museum for NIS 100,00.

She contacted the police, who were able to solve the case when the caller said his lawyer would call Fischof to set up a meeting. Leshem then called Fischof and allegedly told her he knew the hanukkiot were stolen, and suggested they meet at his home later that night. He said he would sell the hanukkiot - valued by museum officials at about \$100,000 - for NIS 100,000, and demanded another NIS 7,500 for his "services."

Fischof, under instructions from police, agreed and added that she would bring along an expert - actually an undercover policeman - 10 determine their authenticity.

Leshem was arrested when the o arrived at his home, and two of the hannkkiot were found Kimbe was detained later that

night. The other three hanukkiot were found in his car, police said. Leshem and Kimhe both deny any involvement in the theft of the hannkkiot. Yesterday, they were released on bail, and a court

order banning publication of de-

tails of the case was lifted.

Bill would protect whistleblowers

LIAT COLLINS

COURTS will be able to demand that whistleblowers fired for warning of corruption in the workplace he feturned to their jobs and compensated under a bill which was prepared for first reading in the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday. The bill is the joint proposal of committee chairman Yossi Katz and Haggai Merom (both

Katz said the intention is not to judge whether the worker was right, but to prevent a situation in which somebody who exposes corruption will he punished by the employer without being able to defend himself in court.

"Somebody who is not prepared to accept corruption is entitled to protection, and should not be exposed to the revenge of employers or supervisors."

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Knesset debates threat from Meshulam followers

THE Knesset yesterday discussed the continued threats against Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal by followers of Uzi Meshulam, after the subject was raised as an urgent motion to the agenda by Dedi Zucker (Meretz) and Ovadia Eli (Likud).

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who answered on the government's behalf, said Meshulam has about 1,000 followers, not all of them active.

"It's a marginal but very, very dangerous group which could turn in a flash from one which just talks to one which takes action," Sarid said. "Read the writing on the wall - the danger is at the gate."

Sarid said many of the followers are armed and trained in weapons use and had proved what they are capable of when they shot at police in Yehnd and wounded a prison service officer in Kiryat Malachi.

"The whole House warns against the danger," said Speaker Shevah Weiss, Weiss, who also warned against besmirching the entire Yeminite community because of Meshulam's actions.

Zucker quoted Meshulam's writings comparing Israeli soldiers to Adolph Eichmann.

Eli called on the government and police to take immediate firm action. "We are witnessing a terrible and ugly phenomenon of illegal militias acting through blackmail, force, terror, and threats. In such a system, any democracy could become anarchy," Eli said

Speaking outside the plenum, Shahal said he would not be intimidated by threats.

Wildcat strike: results in airport delays

HAIM SHAPIRO

PASSENGERS at Ben-Gurinn Airport faced delays and inconvenience yesterday as a result of an open-ended strike by Airports Authority workers.

The workers called a meeting at 4 p.m., thus delaying the unloading of baggage from an Alitalia flight from Rome, a TAP flight from Portugal, and a Transacro flight from Russia. Passengers faced the alternative of waiting indefinitely for their baggage or leaving without it.

Takeoff was delayed for a Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt and an Aeroflot flight to Moscow. An El Al flight to Kiev was allowed to leave, because it is to return with immigrants.

Airline officials could not say how long the strike would last The Airports Authority described the work stoppage as unjustified; it reportedly followed the firing of an authority employee.



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In order to find personnel who meet these qualifications, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Civil Service Commission, has established careful screening procedures. During the month of January, meetings will be held at the universities, in order to provide as much information as possible oo

the Foreign Service and the various training tracks. (For details, check university notice boards.) The selection process is divided into stages, and will take about nine months from the date of publication of the tender. Candidates who meet the requirements will be invited to join the course.

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Arabic, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Hungarian, Czech, Polish, Turkish, or Georgian.

c. Age: Up to 33. d. Medical and security checks.

e. Israeli citizenship, including spouse

f. The selection process of the Civil Service Commission includes the candidates taking written examinations, and being examined at assessment centers and by examination boards. (Notice of the dates of these examinations will be seen to NOTES

A. Trainees who pass the acceptance examinations will, on conclusion of the two-year training period, join the Foreign Service. They must be prepared to accept any post in Israel or abroad, including posts in countries in which service

B. Accepted applicants who are tenured civil servants will, during the period of basic and specialized training, receive an acting appointment (with the agreement of their supervisor in the Ministry in which they are employed). C. The Ministry reserves the right to decide in which course to place a trainee, in accordance with the needs of the Ministry.

D. The right is reserved to remove a trainee from the course or from specialized training if he is found unsuitable. E. Persons who do not hold a degree, but who are studying for a Bachelor's degree in be awarded at the end of the 1996 academic year, are eligible to apply. Such a candidate must, when applying, submit confirmation that be is in the last year of a degree course. If accepted, acceptance will be provisional, until he submits confirmation of the award of his degree.

and this no later than January 1997. R. Applications are to be made on Form Madaf 2115, to which must be attached authendeated copies of the documents required, a curriculum vitac, and two photographs. The form may be submitted to any district office of the Civil Service Commission:

Jerusalem - Hakirya, 3 Rehov Kaplan, P.O.B. 34076, Jerusalem 91340 Tel Aviv - Hakirya, 10 Rehov Kalman Magen, Tel Aviv 61070 Haffa - 11 Rehov Hassan Shukri, Haifa 33105 Beersheba - 136 Rehov Hehalutz, P.O.B. 10050, Beersheba

Form 2115 can be obtained from any of the above offices, and from local government council offices and post offices. A soldier may, if he wishes, submit an application in the form of an ordinary letter, in which case he should provide a brief statement, giving personal details and particulars of his education and experience.

G. In this notice, all references to the masculine include the feminine. Equal opportunity will be given to men and women with suitable qualifications in competition for any given position. H. Candidates should ensure that their application is complete in all respects, with the required autheoticated copies of documents and with any other document they wish to attach (with a faithful translation into Hebrew of documents in a foreign language). It should reach the Civil Service Commission as soon as possible, but in any case not later than the date given at the and of this notice, failing which they will not be considered.

A traince who withdraws from the basic course or from specialized training before the end, on his own inidative, will return the standing loan and pay the course expenses for the period in which he participated. the specialized training period in Israel, such trainees will receive travel expenses or assistance in paying rent, at a rate determined by the Civil Service Commission. J. During the course, trainces who live outside Jerusalem will be cotilled to travel expenses or accommodation and, during

The course is expected to open at the end of 1996 Last date for submitting applications: February 18, 1996.

Hillary Clinton to answer senators' questions in writing

HOPING to dispel doubts about her integrity, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton offered to answer senators in writing concerning several new questions in the Whitewater affair.

Chief among them is how Clinton's law firm billing records suddenly appeared inside the White House residence - two years after investigators subpoenaed them and the White House claimed they could oot be found.

In a five-sentence letter yester-day to the Republican-led Senate Whitewater Committee, the first lady's private lawyer, David Kendall, noted Clinton has answered written question from the panel in the past.

"I invite you to proceed," Kendall wrote committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, who suggest-ed the idea last week. "She is certainly willing to do so again in an effort to bring your inquiry to

The offer breaks an impasse that began last week when both the committee and first lady acknowledged that new evidence emerging in the Whitewater investigatioo warranted new answers from Clinton, but neither

side offered to go first.

Last Thursday, a loog-time Clinton aide testified how the first lady's long-sought billing records abruptly showed up on a table in the White House third-

floor living quarters in August. The aide, Carolyn Huber, testified she believed someone had deliberately put the records

records contradict some of Clintoo's earlier answers in the aod loao owned by her

Whitewater business partner. The manner in which the records were found surprised even White House lawyers, who had claimed for months the records could not be found.

They turned up in a secure room frequented only by the president, Hillary Clintoo and their closest friends.

Moslems boycott religious classes in 40 UK schools

LONDON (AP) - More than 1,500 Moslem pupils in 40 schools in northern England bave been ordered by parents to boycott religious education classes, and a Moslem leader says the move could spread.

The parents in the Kirklees area of west Yorkshire, which has a large Asian immigrant population, say the syllabus in the classes is too orientated toward Christianity.

Religious education is an established part of the curriculum in Britain's state sector education system. It aims to give students factual historical details about must feature Christianity bot each local education authority must take account of other religions.

Parents have the right to withdraw children from religious education classes, but the size of the boycott in Kirklees, which began three weeks ago, has worried educatioo authorities.

The Moslem students involved in the boycott are still attending the rest of the classes in the school curriculum.

Jhangir Mohammed, depoty leader of a group called the Moslem Parliament which represents Moslems but has no legislative power, warned on Sunday that the boycott would spread unless the government acts.

Another group, the Associa-tion of Möslein Schools, said discontent among Moslem parents with religious education classes in leading world religious. By law, it schools is widespread. The group's development officer, Ibrahim Hewitt, told BBC radio: "Moslem children in state schools have had a problem for a long time on religious education, oot just in Kirklees, all over the country."

2 missing boys spend night in toystore

GATINEAU, Quebec (AP) - More than 150 volunteers who searched all night for two young brothers should have started in the logical place

Antooy Cerezo, 8, and his brother Jerome, 6, were found safe and sound when manager Michel Legault opened the store yesterday morning, police Sgt. Richard Longpre said. "I guess it's every kid's dream to be locked up in a toy store

overnight, and they realized their dream," Legault said. "They played cops and robbers, rode bikes and played ball." When the novelty wore off, Legault said, the boys apparently broke

a small window in an attempt to get out. "At the end there, [the boys] were very worried because it's been a

loog night and they haven't slept very much," Longpre said. They went to the store by themselves Sunday afternoon and were accidentally locked in.

Antony said they fell asleep in a playhouse and wheo they woke op there was nothing to do but play and eat chocolate Easter eggs.

Their mother, Linda, doesn't plan any discipline. "No, no. We're buying pizza because they didn't eat all night."

Huber moved them into a box without looking at them and rediscovered them this mooth. wheo the White House finally turned over the records to investigators.
Republicans charge the billing

Whitewater affair, including that she did just minimal legal work for the failed Arkansas savings

Eastern US mops up after flood misery after the Potomac subsided from levels some WASHINGTON (Renter) - Weary rescue

rose eight feet beyond normal flood levels. Residents placed sand bags in an effort to stem the tide.

workers mopped up yesterday after floods that swamped wide areas of the eastern United States leaving behind a tide of misery, sodden homes and a wave of political recrimination. Thousands of residents who were forced to

flee their homes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland returned to flooded basements, ruined property and swamped streets. Television footage showed an entire house in Wheeling, West Virginia, being swept down the

swollen Ohio river. In Washington, commuters faced traffic chaos as major roads near the Potomac River

remained closed for a second day.

The city's National Airport remained open after fighting off a threat from flood tides over the weekend, but the main access road from downtown was closed.

In Georgetown and the historic Old Town Alexandria, property owners assessed damage two meters above normal.

A shop owner in historic Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, surveys the floods in front of his store, after the Potomac River

"It looks like the worst is over. The river is subsiding now and we hope to get back to normal in the next couple of days," said city official John Crawford.

In Pennsylvania, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and five Federal Emergency Management Ageocy (FEMA) officials planned a fly-over inspection to assess state Governor Tom Ridge's claim that Washington was not doing enough to help. FEMA officials said the floods killed 10 peo-

ple in Pennsylvania, and more were still unaccounted for.

The federal agency recognized only the counties along the swollen Susquehanna River as disaster areas. Ridge wanted dozens of counties:

Those people in Washington need to get out from behind their desks... and tell that to people who lost their farms, homes and businesses all across this state," Ridge said on Sunday

office in Harrisburg to process claims. But the White House yesterday said Ridge, a Republican, "ran his mouth" when he should have been documenting damage to speed

contest, when there is the livelihood of citizens House Press Secretary Mike McCurry.

work done that would have led to the assistance," McCurry said.

including the governor.

A 30-member FEMA team will set up an

"We shouldn't be in some public relations

in Pennsylvania at stake and when the main thing is to promptly and effectively respond to the consequences of the flood," said White "He ran his mouth instead of getting the

The flood forced the evacuation of 1,000 residents in the state capital of Harrisburg,

Japan cult member admits producing sarin gas

TOKYO (AP) - A senior mem-ber of a doomsday cult admitted in court yesterday that he produced sarin nerve gas, which prosecutors say the cult used to attack commuters on Tokyo subways last March 20.

Seiichi Endo, 35, is considered a key witness for the prosecution in its attempt to prove that Aum Shinri Kyo cult leader Shoko Asahara directed all key phases of the subway attack.

Twelve people were killed and more than 5,500 got sick from the attack, the climax of a series of murders and kidnappings blamed on the cult.

According to prosecutors, Asahara directly gave orders for sarin production to only two people - cult science chief Hideo Murai, who was murdered last April, and Endo.

In yesterday's testimony, Endo did not discuss what kind of orders Asahara gave him. But he said it is "absolutely certain" that he and two other cult leaders, Tomomasa Nakagawa and Masami Tsuchiya, produced sarin gas.

Endo, a former chief of Aum's "health and welfare unit," is accused of murder and attempted murder in connection with the sarin attack and other crimes.

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"It is natural for victims and bereaved families to feel anger and hatred toward Aum Shinri Kyo," Endo told the Tokyo District Court according to his lawyer, Kenji Nozaki. "Nothing I say could ever excuse myself. I am sorry and I apologize." Endo's cooperation is impor-

tant for prosecutors because two others accused of sarin productioo, Nakagawa and Tsuchiya, have disputed some of the

New York's 5th Ave. is world's most expensive

NEW YORK (Reuter) - New changing as multi-national cor-York's Fifth Avenue ranked as porations, such as Warner the world's most expensive street Brothers or Walt Disney, open for the second year in a survey of stores that also serve as marketretail rents

On Fifth Avenue from 49th Street to 57th Street, which houses Tiffany and Co. and Trump Tower, the annual rents are \$500 per square foot, according to the eighth annual survey by the Hirschfeld Group real estate consultants.

New York's 57th Street, which the borders that area and is home to the Warner Brothers Studio store, moved into second place this year with rents of \$440 per square foot, knocking down Tokyo's The Ginza to third place with rents of \$350 per square

Rents have fallen in many areas since the real estate boom led to the all-time high price of \$675 for the Ginza in 1990, Michael Hirschfeld said.

The top three streets have been trading rankings for years and will probably continue to do so without any serious challengers, he said.

The character of many of the world's most expensive streets is tions, he said.

"If you open a store selling \$500,000 necklaces in an area that has 40 million tourists a year, not many of them can buy them. But they can buy \$3 Daffy Duck key chains and they want them," Hirschfeld said. New York's Madison Avenue

between 57th Street and 69th Street and San Francisco's Post and Stockton Streets tied for fourth place. They were followed in the rankings by Paris' Champs Elysee, Geneva's Rue de Rhoue, Paris' Place Vendome, London's Bond Street, Singapore's Orchard Road, with Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, Calif., and Rome's Via Conditti in a tie.

Hirschfeld said that he thought Fifth Avenue, which has a "strangulated" vacancy rate of 1 percent, may go higher if any prop-erty does become available.

Rome's Via Veneto and Paris' Rue de Faubourg St. Honoure may make the list next year, he said.

'NY Times' begins electronic version

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Times became available vesterday on the World Wide Web with most of the news and feature articles and classified advertising that appear in the printed editions. The electronic version also con-

tains reporting that does not appear in print, the Times said. "Our site is designed to take full. advantage of the evolving capabilities offered by the Internet," said Times publisher Arthur Sulz-

berger Jr. The electronic paper will generate advertising revenue and, for now, no fee will be charged for basic access in the United States, said Martin Nisenholtz, president of The New York Times Electron-

ic Media Co., a Times subsidiary. But computer users who want access must subscribe, and will be charged fees for copying articles from Times archives dating back 15 years and for a clipping service, based on key words, that sends articles to an individual user's electronic mailbox.

The paper said readers who con-nect to the electronic paper from outside the United States will be offered a 30-day trial without charge, but will eventually face a subscription fee. The New York Times On The

http://www.nytimes.com.

Irish pub owner warbles way into Guinness book LOUDONVILLE, New York to a time. He was allowed a 5-(AP) - Pub owner Eamonn minute break each hour, and

into the Guinness Book of Records by singing continuously for 11 consecutive days.

McGirr, 55, broke the record Sunday night during a live broadcast of television program lasting several days to raise money for cerebral palsy. He sang the final notes of the Irish tune, "I'll Tell Me Ma," then was showered with cheers and green balloons. "It's a hell of a wonderful feel-

ing," said McGirr, who last set the record 17 years ago when it stood at 51/2 days. A man in India later broke the record, singing continuously for 10 days and 22 hours. McGirr's latest attempt began

January 10, and the rules stipulated that he could hum or sing anything, even read the oewspaper

McGirr can look forward to some McGirr saved up enough time to sleep after warbling his way back catch a few hours sleep during the

> He used up his entire repertoire of Irish tunes, but despite the fatigue he felt at the end, McGirr maintained his quick leish wit. Asked how his life would

change after the record, McGirr replied: "The following songs will not be sung: 'Danny Boy,' 'Green Alligators' ..."

After breaking the record, McGirt beaded over to his Irish pub in this Albany suburb to add a couple of hours to his record to make it an even 11 consecutive days. More than 200 people jammed the bar to celebrate.

"It's like St. Patrick's Day." said patron Richard Straight. "His voice sounds terrific."

1 in 4 Russians earns a million... rubles

MOSCOW (AP) - Nearly one-quarter of Russians now make more than a million. Rubles, that is. Per month. The sum - which equals a little more than \$200 - sounds mind-

boggling when compared to just five years ago, when several hundred rubles a month was a good salary. But it remains modest in Russia, where prices for many goods and services have riseo sharply.

Another quarter of the population earned less over the course of

1995 than the subsistence wage, according to Russia's State Statistics Committee. In figures carried yesterday by the Interfax news agency, the committee put the subsistence wage at 327,000 rubles - a little more than \$75 at current exchange rates. The committee said its figures indicate that incomes for low-and

middle-income Russians are stabilizing.



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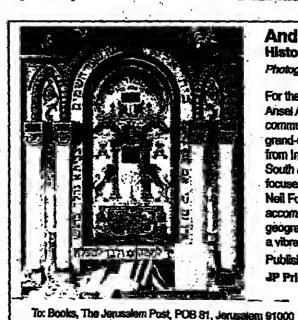
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A close-up of a US Government surveillance photograph shows one of several alleged mass graves in Nova Kasaba, Bosnia, said to contain the bodies of thousands killed by the Bosnian Serbs.

Prosecutor meets Bosnians on war dead

SARAJEVO (AP) - The international warrimes tribunal's top prosecutor met yesterday with Bosnian leaders and NATO commanders to discuss the fate of thousands of Moslems missing and feared dead.

As the talks got under way in Sarajevo, US human rights envoy John Shattuck briefed Serbian President Slobodan Milosevie in Belgrade on his tour of suspected mass grave sites believed to contain thousands of victims of Bosnian Serb gunmen.

With Milosevic's police clearing the way, Shattuck on Sunday toured parts of eastern Bosnia, near the former Moslem enclave of Srebrenica, and said it appeared up to 7,000 men may have been massacred by Bosnian

Nine killed in Pakistan shootout

including three police officers.

members to the courthouse.

pizzeria, police said yesterday.

right to religious freedom.

with spiritual healing.

WORLD BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - At least 10 gummen opened

fire on a police van transporting murder suspects to court in

tribesman attacked the police van that was carrying six rival clan members to the courthouse.

The tribesmen, all accused of murder, were gunned down along with three police officers in the midday attack, the news

report said. The shootings took place in the central Pakistani

Three killed in Bulgaria bomb explosion SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) – Three people were killed and two

seriously injured when a bomb exploded outside a downtown

The explosion occurred after two men entered the crowded pizzeria Sunday evening, threatening to detonate a bomb unless the restaurant's owner gave them about \$13,000, police

managed to get the two men outside, but the bomh went off as the officer struggled to wrest it from the men, killing the three. The massive blast also injured two others and scriously

US court rules against Christain Scientists

A police officer, who was in the pizzeria at the time,

damaged several cars and nearby buildings, police said.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Four Christian Scientists lost a Supreme Court appeal of a \$1.5 million award they were

ordered to pay over the death of a boy whose diabetes was treated with prayer instead of medical care.

The boy's father, Douglass Lundman, won the award in a lawsuit against his ex-wife, her husband and two Christian

Science officials. The justices yesterday turned down the

Report: Yeltsin will run for second term

Christian Scientists' argument that the award violated their

Christian Science teaches that prayer is the most effective treatment for illness and that conventional medicine interferes

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin said yesterday that he probably plans to run for a second term in elections in June,

a news agency said. It was the strongest indication yet the 64-year-old leader would seek reelection.

Yeltsin, who has acted like a candidate since returning to the Kremlin following a two-month absence while be recovered from heart trouble, said he will make a final decision in mid-

February on whether or not to run for a second five-year term.

am saying probably because I am going to announce my final decision February 13-15," Yeltsin said, according to Interfax.

"Probably, I will agree to run in the presidential elections. I

town of Hasilpur, about 700 km southwest of Islamabad.

central Pakistan yesterday, leaving nine people dead,

The state-run Associated Press of Pakistan said local

Shattuck said he told Milosevic yesterday "that what I had seen clearly corroborated with the evewitness testimony of the survivors on mass executions. And that clearly to me indicates that evidence that has been compiled so far is very clear of mass execu-

tions in the area," Shattuck said. He urged Milosevic, who has represented Bosnian Serbs in the peace process, to work closely with the international war-rimes trihunal. The Bosnian Serbs' senior political and military leaders have been indicted on war-crimes charges in connection with the July 11 fall of Srebrenica, formerly a UN safe area.

"I also discussed... the urgency of releasing all prisoners of war immediately, unilaterally," Shattuck said in Belgrade before flying back to Sarajevo.

The war-rimes tribunal, a UN-appointed court based in the Netherlands, received assurances Sunday that NATO forces would do their best to protect investigators at alleged mass graves around Bosnia and watch for attempts to tamper with the sites.

Shattuck's extraordinary trip to Srebrenica came after the lead Bosnian peace negotiator, Assistant US Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, shuttled between Sarajevo and Belgrade late last week trying to avert failure on the accord's first major deadline.

Rwandan refugees flee to

Rwandan refugees were stranded yesterday near Burundi's border with Tanzania, unable to cross the closed frontier and reinctant to return to their burned

Burundian troops torched the hnts Sunday of the few hundred Kwandan refugees who remained at Ntamba camp in northern Burundi, said Hitoshi Misa, the Burundi country director for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

"Probably the message is that these refugees should go back to their home country," Misa said in a telephone interview from Bnjnmhnra, the Burundian

Misa said none of the refugees had been injured or killed either

fire to the camp on Sunday. Tanzania, which already has about 500,000 Rwandan refu-

of the 16,000 refugees from Ntamba had managed to slip

week near Mugano camp in northern Burundi were allowed to cross into Tanzania tempo-

Sri Lanka military helicopter with 32 aboard feared shot down by rebels

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) --An air force helicopter with 32 people aboard disappeared while flying over northern Sri Lanka yes-

condition of anonymity.

The helicopter was flying 60 kilometers from Palali air force base to Vettilaikerni army base with 27 soldiers, two sailors and a three-

No radio message was received from the crew during the flight before the aircraft disappeared, the official said.

down warpianes.

Tanzania; army burns camp

NAIROBI (AP) - About 16,000 during the flight from Ntamba camp late Saturday and early Sunday, or when the army set

gees, has closed its border to gas from Turkmenistan to Eurefugees in Burundi, However, Misa said about 400

across the frontier.

About 15,000 Rwandan refu-gees fleeing ethnic fighting last rarily. Misa said Tanzanian authori-

ties said the refugees from Mngano camp could stay only until an organized repatriation could

In another development yesterday, government troops repulsed a rebel attack on a Sinhalese village in northeastern Sri Lanka, but at least 22 people were killed in the fighting. More than 100 Tamil sep-

aratists launched the attack shortly

after midnight in the Anuradhapu-

ra district, Maj. Tilak Dumrwille, a

military spokesman, said in Co-lombo, the capital.

terday, and Tamil rebels may have shot it down, an official said. Military planes began searching rebel-held areas where the Ukrai-

nian-built MI-17 was flying after it was reported missing around noon, the military official said on

man crew on board.

Tamil separatists have been

fighting for 12 years for a minority homeland. Guerrillas began using surface-to-air missiles last year to

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI **COOPERATION PROGRAM Program Description**

The embassy of the United States of America in Tel-Aviv and the Consulate General of the Unites States in Jerusalem announce the Palestinian-Israeli Cooperation Program (PICP). a small grants program designed to provide seed money for significant projects featuring nongovernmental and private institutional cooperation among Palestinians and Israelis. The emphasis will be on innovative programs fostering people-topeople contact which advance the 1993 Palestinian-Israeli Declaration of Principles and subsequent agreements. All Projects must demonstrate the likelihhod that funding will lead to a sustainable future relationship among the cooperating organization and institutions. Project Priority Areas

The program review committee secks a balanced portfolio of projects addressing health, education, economics and trade, arts, youth activities, social and natural sciences, and other appropriate areas with an emphasis on broadening and deepening contacts between Palestinians and Israelis. No

Project Support The projects supported by PICP should be completable within 18 months of grant award. Grant amouts will average about \$35,000, with an anticipated range of \$20,000 to \$50,000. A total of \$500,000 is anticipated to be available.

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18 Agron St Jerusalem Proposals may be submitted at any time, but consideration for funding is subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The first reviews are

expected to take place arround the middle of February 1996.

Chechen rebels: We will trade hostages for bodies

CHECHEN rebels still holding dozens of bostages from a January 9 raid won't free most of them as planned unless the bodies of their fellow militants are returned, news reports said

The rebels reiterated their intention to release hostages today in the Chechen village of Novo-groznensky, about 50 kilometers east of the republie's capital, Grozny.

But officials of the neighboring republic of Dagestan, where the raid took place, told the ITAR-Tass and interfax news agencies that the Chechens would let the hostages go only on condition that the bodies of killed rebels be

turned over.
Dagestani officials, meeting with Chechen representatives at a village in Chechnya, agreed to the request 'without any haggling," the republic's nationalities minister, Magomedsalikh Gusayev, told Interfax.

Iran, Armenia,

Turkmenistan

sign pact

TEHRAN (AP) - Iran, Turk-

menistan and Armenia have

signed a memorandum of under-

standing on cooperation in the

banking, trade and transport

fields, the official Islamic Re-

public News Agency reported

It said the memorandum,

signed Sunday in Tehran, fore-

sees trade exchanges of up to

\$30 million between the three

Turkmen President Sapar-

murad Nivazov arrived in Teh-

ran yesterday for a two-day offi-

cial visit during which he will have talks with Iranian Presi-

Iran's foreign minister, Ali Ak-

bar Velayati, and his Turkmen and Armenian counterparts,

Boris Shikhmyradov and Va-

hanh Papazyan, respectively.

Iran, which has borders with

the two former Soviet republics,

is involved in a multi-billion dol-

lar project for a pipeline to carry

dent Hashemi Rafsanjani. The accord was signed by

late Sunday.

GROZNY, Russia

But he said federal authorities were still identifying the bodies and the issue would have to be discussed with them.

Four days after Russian troops crushed the rebels who had holed up with their hostages in the Dagestani village of Pervomays-kaya, hoth sides were still trying to identify and take back their victims, living and dead.

The Chechens reportedly of-

fered to exchange 29 abducted power plant workers for rebel fighters captured by Russians during last week's standoff.

Rebels had never claimed to be holding the workers, who were seized last Tuesday in Grozny, while their gunmen were battling federal troops in Pervomayskaya. But Interfax reported that officials have made contact with the abductors, who were loyal to rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev. The rebels proposed exchang-

ing the workers for about 30 guerrillas captured by the Russians during the fighting in Pervo-mayskaya, Interfax said, quoting officials of the Moscow-backed Chechen government and the

power company.

The electrical plant workers, split into groups of two or three, were being held in mountain villages. They were alive and well, said Cheehen government spokesman Ruslan Martagov.

Chechen commander Akhmed Zakayev said that while the plan called for Dagestani hostages to be freed, all Russians would be kept as prisoners of war and could be exchanged for the captured rebel fighters.

Zakayev, speaking in the vil-lage of Urus-Martan, about 20 lometers southwest of Grozny, did not say how many hostages the rebels were holding or how many would be freed.

Jordan slashes trade with Iraq almost in half

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan has decided to slash its exports to Iraq this year by nearly half, citing high debts to the kingdom by the beleaguered Baghdad government, officials said yesterday.

Jordan will sell goods to Iraq food and other items allowed by the United Nations - worth just over \$200 million, down from over \$400 million last year, they told Reuters.

The move, which they said will not affect Jordan's imports of low-priced Iraqi oil, follows a cooling of ties since Jordan began calling for change in Baghdad after top Iraqi defections in

Under UN sanctions in place since Iraq invaded Knwait in 1990, Iraq cannot export oil or import anything other than food and medicine without approval. Jordan was allowed to continue importing Iraqi oil because it had no other source and said it was repayment of debts.

Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh and his Jordanian counterpart Ali Abu eltalks in Amman last week to renew the annual trade protocol, a document that is never made

Abn el-Ragheb declined com-ment on the cut in trade.

The decision was taken on pure economie grounds and has nothing to do with the political situation between Jordan and Iraq," one official told Reuters, speaking on condition he not be

"We want to build our foreign exchange reserves to nearly \$1 ... billion by the end of this year [from around \$500 million

now]," he said.
"We cannot keep paying large amounts of money to local traders to settle their exports to Iraq while Baghdad's debts to Amman continue to stay high," he added.

"Hence, we had to take such a drastic decision to look after our national interests, and at the same time, to continue to help , the average Iraqi citizen by continning basic supplies."

rope via the Islamic republic. US National Book Critics Circle nominations announced

NEW YORK (AP) - A study of poet Walt Whitman's life and Richard Ford's novel about a former sportswriter were among 25 titles nominated for 1995 US National Book Critics Circle awards.

The books were nominated Sunday in five categories by the organization's board of directors, after a mail vote by 500 book editors, critics and reviewers.

The winners will be announced on March 21. Walt Whitman's America: A

Cultural Biography (Knopf) by David Reynolds looks at the poet's life and work in the context of his times. It was nominated in the biography-autobiography category. Ford's novel, Independence

Day, (Knopf) was nominated as the best work of fiction. A sequel to his acclaimed 1986 novel, The Sportswriter, the new book tracks the life of writer-turned-real-estate-agent Frank Bascombe in the late 1980s, as he contends with American values.

Other nominees are: FICTION

• Mrs. Ted Bliss, Stanley Elkin (Hyperion). • Galatea 2.2, Richard Powers (Farrar, Straus & Giroux). • Moo, Jane Smiley (Knopf).
• The Tent of Orange Mist, Paul

West (Scribner).
GENERAL NON-FICTION: A Gentle Madness: Biblio-

philes, Bibliomanes and the Eternal Passion for Books, Nicholas Basbanes (Henry Holt).

• In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle, Madeleine Blais (Atlantic

Monthly).

• All God's Children: The Bosket Family and the American Tradition of Violence, Fox Butterfield (Knopf).

 A Civil Action. Jonathan Harr (Random House). • Mr. Wilson's Cabinet of Won-der, Lawrence Wesehler

(Pantheon). CRITICISM: The All-American Skin Game,

or, The Decoy of Race: The Long and the Short of It, 1990-1994.
Stanley Crouch (Pantheon).

The Forbidden Best-Sellers of Pre-Revolutionary France, Robert Darnton (W.W. Norton). • The Castle of Indolence: On Poetry, Poets and Poetasters, Thomas M. Disch (Picador).

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Meshulam madness

EW pheoomena have so puzzled Israelis as the saga of Uzi Meshulam and his fanatic followers. The group is known to be extremely dangerous. Its members have used firearms against the police and provoked the killing of one of his disciples. They have violently resisted arrest, threatened the life of Minister of Interoal Security Moshe Shahal, preached hatred for the government, and - most receotly - taught kindergarten children to sing about hanging government ministers.

To convey the exteot of the danger they pose, yesterday the police leaked to the Hebrew daily Yediot Aharonot that Meshulam has heavily armed, well-trained militia units at his command oo both sides of the Greeo Line. They include, according to police, extremists who would oot hesitate to fight against the army if the final status agreement with the Palestinians eotails the evacuation of Jewish communities. Even more ominously, there are allegedly militias in Petah Tikva and Rishon Lezion under Meshulam's command, and a body guard unit in

Yehud, the site of the group's headquarters.
If it all sounds like a cross between the fascist American militias and a mad cult, say the police, it is because this is precisely what it is. Meshulam's hold over his followers is as powerful as that of cult leaders who have led their disciples to suicide, and his followers' dedicatioo to his cause is as blindly irrational as that of David Koresh's disciples, who perished in the ootorious confrontation with the FBI.

If all this is true, the pheoomeooo is a first io the country's history. The genesis of the group is traced to the alleged refusal of the establishment to address the Yemenite community's demand for a thorough investigation of the disappearance of Yemenite children in the 1950s. Meshulam claims that the various commissions appointed to probe charges of kidnap-pings and illegal adoptions have whitewashed a criminal conspiracy.

Clearly, the group could oot have enjoyed the support and sympathy of a significant segment of the Yemenite community had its demands not echoed what many believe. The feeling that they suffered horreodous indignities and injustices when they arrived in this country is so pervasive among Yemenites, and their lingering bitterness against the establishmeot so palpable, that Meshulam's seeds of paranoia have fallen oo fertile ground.

The police may be exaggerating the dimensions of Meshulam's power. Stories of heavily armed cultist militias, like tales of the tentacular Russian mafia, may be designed to draw fat budgets and prepare alibis for possible failures. Nor does it make sense to portray the Meshulam group as monstrous, merciless killers while granting them special privileges in prison.

But it would also be a mistake to underestimate the danger inhereot in a community that has oursed injustices - many of them all too real - for four decades. Yesterday's cabinet decision to clamp down on the Meshulam group may be eminently justified. But it should be accompanied by an assurance that the present investigation of the children's disappearances in the 1950sleaves no stone unturned, as well as a special effort to reach out to the Yemenite community with a message of justice and hope.

Information super-roadblock

HINA'S incomprehensible decision to gag the foreign media that provides the world's opinion-makers and markets with reliable information about the country's development demonstrates the mentality of a child who demands free toys every day, hut refuses to tidy a room to accommodate them. The bureaucratic blockheads who run this unfortunate Asian giant still fail to grasp that being a little bit free-market is as impossible as being little bit pregnant.

Analysts have loog woodered how China nominally a "communist paradise" but in reality a developing economic powerhouse - would cope with the inherent conflict between freemarket economics and Maoist political dictatorship. Now we know - the answer is, it will attempt to shoot itself in both feet. China aroused interest for trying a different path than Russia in eoding the stagnation and poverty caused by the failed marriage of fake ecocomic planning and political repressioo. While Russia is now a lively political democracy, it is an economic shambles. China chose to develop its economy first and the world assumed that a loosening of the political harness would follow. Presumably, wealthy and modernized Chinese citizens would eventually vote for the leadership that brought the country prosperity, marry-

ing economic success to a democratic future. Following Beijing's earlier ooosensical decision to try to cootrol the Chinese sector of the uocootrollable world Internet, it perpetrated an eveo greater idiocy by decreeing that foreign news ageocies must submit to regulation by the government-run Xinhua news agency. It annouoced severe punishment for vendors of information whose output "slanders or jeopardizes the oational interests of China." In effect, the government is seeking to reduce the factual ecocomic information produced by the minute and around the clock by such major companies as Reuters and The Associated Press. Reuters in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - In his article of January 12,

"Why Ora can't sleep," Yosef

Goell seems to have confused his

terms. He defines "egalitarian dis-tribution of income" and "a fair

society" to be one and the same.

Egalitarian distribution of income

is an archaic, socialist goal where

income is stripped from producers

and given to non-producers after

making sure that wealthy politicians

get their share. This is the way of

subsidies, hand-outs, high taxes,

public-sector encroachment and

Fairness means that everybody

earns according to his own ability.

slow or oegative growth.

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

particular is the most essential supplier of highquality economic oews to the world's stock, commodities, and financial markets.

To decree that such vital information should be filtered through Marxist and public-relations spin doctors before being administered to buy-ers is ludicrous beyond belief. Do the Chinese really expect the sharp and aggressive professionals of the economic oews agencies to run glowing, even faked, reports of economic de-velopments, which will read like the Five Year Plan reports of hygone Soviet factory managers? While Beijing's secretive rulers may still believe that democracy is a luxury they cannot yet afford, they surely cannot have failed to apprehend that accurate information is as expensive a commodity as gold or platinum in the market place.

China's own voracious appetite for goods and services, as well as for investment and export markets, is itself a major economic story that is affecting the essential investment planning, commodities, and stock markets across the globe. Absolute disclosure of information coocerning these sectors is not just desirable - it is crucial. No multinational CEO is going to consider including China in his company's plans without the most detailed, up-to-date intelligeoce from the news agencies' reporters.

To think that Xinhua can provide what the world business community oeeds is a bigger joke than to suggest its reports are an adequate hasis for political decisions made in the world's foreign ministries. Xinhua is a tame poodle of the Communist Party, its journalists are as respected as those of the old Izvestia, and its news is as carefully crafted as that of the Soviet Pravda, which was usually typeset three days in advance. "Information wants to be free," says motto of the piooeering Internet computer hackers. Chioa can oo more gag the information superhighway than it can forever silence its own people, who also want to be free.



A world in a single life

N its vigorous opposition to territorial concessions, the "religious right" contends that the life of the nation incorporates a territorial dimension ultimately worth the sacrifice of one's life. In other words, the individual is absolutely subordinate to the unfolding destiny of the Jewish state.

There is no denying a collective thrust to Jewish philosophy. The Jewish psyche grants considerable weight to fulfilling the needs of the many against those of the individual. Much of the language of Jewish worship is couched in the plural to stress the centrality of community cohesion and the responsibility of Jews for each another.

One thing is tragically missing, however, from the presentation by the religious right: healthy respect for a balanced Judaism.

Judaism also passionately respects the inviolate rights of the individual. The warp and woof of Jewish theology has been shaped hy a hipolar grasp of the complexities of life. The eternal contemporaneity of Jewish civilization lies in the hallowed respect of its great teachers in juggling polar coppo-sites with finesse. It is thus halfbaked truth and travesty to speak solely of a ooe-dimeosicoal Judaism.

The bipolar values of communal loyalty and individual integrity mirror the clash of authentic yet conflicting points of view. There need be no attempt to whitewash these tensions. There ought to be a deep recognition that dynamic tension constitutes the stuff of real life, and that "both claims consti-

tute the words of the living God." It is high time for the life-giving rabbinic dictum "Whoever sustains one life is as though he sustained an entire world" to be restored to the arena of debate. The allusion is to future unborn generations who will be privileged to see HARVEY MEIROVICH

the light of day. Likewise, we can no longer ignore the sacred principle of pikuah nefesh, concern for a human life in distress. By unanimous consent, observance of this commandment overrides all but the three cardinal commandments to refrain from murder, unchastity and idolatry."

The 'religious right' imparts a lamentably one-dimensional

Judaism

Although a segment of Israeli society believes that more Jewish lives will be saved by holding outo land oow being ceded to the Palestinian Authority, it is unquestionably the right of the Labor-led government to believe that the threat of war will be substantially decreased through territorial

compromise.

Hence, contrary to the tendentions reading of our chastical sources by rabbis and educators associated with the religious right, placing human life above ideological calls for more extensive real estate cannot be construed as an act of treason.

IT IS disheartening that the primary expositors of the religious right are rabbis who call themselves educators, but choose to teach a blatantly one-sided portrait of Judaism.

They would be wise to internalize the all-encompassing grasp of Jewish theology as taught by Abraham Joshua Heschel: "As in a magnet, the ends of which have opposite magnetic qualities, these terms are opposite to one another

and exemplify a polarity which lies at the heart of Judaism."

My rift with the expositors of the religious right runs much deeper. Their extensive knowledge of rabhinic sources is lamentably unmatched by their competence in Bible studies and Jewish history.

This invariably leads to historical distortions. For example, in calling for patriotism and adherence to the Jewish past, they raise high the banner of taking possession of "the whole land of Israel." Yet the concept is mentioned nowhere in the Bible or in classical rabbinic sources.

A generation ago the great Bible scholar Yehezkel Kaufmann demonstrated convincingly in The Biblical Account of the Conquest of Palestine that there were actually five different conceptions of the borders of the Land of Israel corresponding to changes in the historical situation.

Though the Patriarchs were promised atopian borders, these were never realized. Instead, Israel's borders continuously fluctuated mider the leaderships of Moses, Joshua and David resting in the final analysis on boe factor only: realpoints.

From its earliest days the Zionist enterprise internalized the tough lesson of realpolitik. Historically, territorial compromise captured the platform, time and again, because Zionist dreamers (like their biblical ancestors) agreed to negotiate for what was possible in an imperfect, cruel and usually cynical world.

The current peace process, born out of such pragmatism, shows every sign of conforming to the political precedents of the past.

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Nukes & nerves

GWYNNE DYER

THE first session of the conference that is supposed to lead to a total ban on nucle. ar tests opened in Geneva yesterday, and the signs are looking good. Mainly because of the Indian nuclear test that now likely woo't happen. But it seems to have been a near thing.

India tested a nuclear weapon back in 1974. But it mouthed a pious formula about the bomh being a "peaceful anclear explosive," and every one went along with the hypocrisy except Pakistan, which immediately started to develop its own (as yet untested) ouclear weapons.

Why did everyone go along with the Indian lie back in 1974? Con-

structive hypocrisy.

The five nuclear powers, China, the US, France, Britain and Russia, had signed a nonproliferation treaty (NPT) to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. Yet here they were spreading to India, and who knows where next.

Hurrah for India's Central Bureau of Investigation

To acknowledge what India had done would have been to admit the NPT had failed - and its ability to stop other countries from taking the same road depended on the myth of universality. So there was a kind of deal: We'll pretend India hasn't tested a ouclear weapon. and India won't do it again.

It hasn't, either, not for over 20 years, and the myth of the NPT worked. Pakistan developed noclear weapons to counterbalance India's, but it never tested one. Indeed, no new nuclear power has poblicly tested a weapon since 1974 - though if India tested again, so would Pakistan.

So far, so good. Recently, however, American satellites began picking up new activity at India's Pokaran test-site.

After diplomatic feelers failed to elicit an explanation. Washington went public three weeks ago, warning that India was preparing a second ouclear test and threateoing sanctions if it did.

India flatly denied it was planning a test, and Indian newspapers were filled with the usual bluster about foreign plots. But it is hard to believe that Washington invented the whole story just to annoy the Indians.

THE TOTAL test ban heing negotiated in Geneva is perhaps the most important arms limitation measure of the century.

It is a miracle that all five ouclear powers are ready for it at the same time, but internal political changes in either Russia or China might hreak the consensus hy year's end. If they had to bring India and Pakistan into the negotiations as well, they would probably run out of time.

So why has India backed off? Not because of US threats; Indian national pride would forbid that. It is because Prime Minister Narasimha Rao has found another way to win the election.

Rao's Congress (I) Party was facing probable defeat in the imminent parliamentary election. The rival that posed the biggest threat was the Bharatiya Janata (Indian People's) Party.

The BJP's stock in trade is xenophohic oationalism and Hindu chauvinism, so Rao's first line of defense was simple: Stage another nuclear test, and steal the natiooalist vote back

But then India's Central Bureau of Investigation got everyone off the book.

In the past week, the CBI has charged a number of senior politicians for taking bribes from a wellknown businessman whose coded diaries detailing \$21 million in payoffs were confiscated in 1991.

The accused include three of Rao's own cabinet ministers - but more important, the CBI also named BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani, who was all set to fight the campaign against Rao on an anticorruption platform.

The CBI's action has transformed the Indian political scene. giving Rao a good chance of winning the election fair and square.

Seven,

And if public opinion is running in your favor already, staging a nuclear test would only sow dissension in the ranks of your own followers - so cancel the test.

That appears to be what has happened. It's not pretty, but it works. Long live India's Central Bureau of Investigation.

The writer is a London-based historian and journalist.

Global warming bogeyman

have a theory shout the earthquakes, mndslides, brush fires and floods that have lately devastated California: These afflictions will not stop until the Menendez brothers have been put away for good.

Now, I know my theory is somewhat antique, indeed fundamentalist. No more, however, than the theory being peddled in the clite US media about the higher meaning of the savage snowstorm that bit the American Northeast. Blame global warming for the hlizzard." declared The New York Times. A Newsweek cover story upped the ante: "Blizzards, Floods & Hurricaces: Blame Global Warming." Huh?

We've been lectured incessantly on how prideful man is spewing tons of fossil fuel carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, causing global warming. We've been told forther that this desecration of nature will ultimately wipe out winter, turn Kansas to desert and put Long Island under water.

Now comes the exact opposite climatic event - a monster snowstorm and that, too, is caused by our siming against Gaea?

Yes, holds the newest variation in environmental scolding, global warming is now the cause oot just of warming, but of all weather "extremes," i.e., calamities. How? Warming increases water evaporation, adding moisture and energy to the atmosphere, making for more rain and storms - and "more severe droughts" as well.

Huh? Exact opposites again? Yes, writes the Times's William Stevens: "in cases where atmospheric circulation conspires to keep rain away from a given area." CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

BUT WHAT about that huge mid-Atlantic blizzard that served as journalistic book for the current global warming hysteria? Isn't it a symptom of the greenhouse calamity effect?

"Utter nonsense," says Patrick Michaels, a professor of environmeotal sciences and anthor of more than 200 articles on global climatic change. "Any suggestion that ocean warming caused the hlizzard of '96 makes no sense. Sea surface temperature over the Western Atlantic has changed very little in the recent decade, except for a profound cooling of the northwestern portion."

lack of moisture. The problem is

getting coough cold air from southeastern Canada into a storm. Yet all projections for an enhanced greenhouse effect reduce the depth of cold air. So blaming the hizzard on the greenhouse effect is 100 percent wrong."

But theology is rarely danned by fact. One commentator lists not just the snowstorm of '96, but last vear's heat waves, the flood of '93, and Hurricanes Andrew and Inkiki as recent natural disasters that were perhaps "not wholly" natural. Among the "more intense weather events" claimed to conform to greenhouse theory is last year's flooding in Texas "with hailstones the size of baseballs."

First Sodom, now Texas. Look, I believe that when six

billion humans pump tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, it may affect climate. There are countervailing theories that say not. One stridy points out that greenhouse theory takes very poor account of cloud formation and water vapor distribution, and notes that increases in cloud cover from carbon dioxide emissions could wipe out any temperature rise. Nonetheless, it seems to me the better part of prudence to try to cut down on fossil fuel emissions that just might cause serious climactic change down the road.

Which is why the global warming people should be strongly supporting climatically benign nuclear power. They doo't, of course, because it offends another part of their environmental theology.

& Washington Post Writers

Sir, - The pomposity of your correspondent Thelma Jacobson (Letters of January 15, "Murder is mur-der") is beyond belief as is her linkage of Carmela Buhbut with Rahin assassin Yigal Amir. I feel this lady has suffered enough and will indeed be haunted all her life by events, but she has paid the price for her action and does not need the pompous Thelma to add to ber pain. As one who undoubtedly has more experience in such matters, I

fairly-earned income. Since the Israeli government has reluctantly moved away from egalitarianism and toward fairness, we all

have witnessed and felt staggering economic growth. Eveo Goell admits that "today's Israeli poor are significantly better off than they were in the past." I fail to see the problem with that fact. The best thing the government can do is to continue to take itself

out of the income redistribution game, free up more sectors of the economy and let the talents and ingeouity of the Israeli citizenry do the

CHAIM FORST Ra'anana

Nobody has the right to confiscate BATTERED WIFE

speot my childhood with a battered wife, my mother, and know the stress, the pain - physical pain she suffered - suffering that stayed with her to the end of her life. No, Madam, your comments are ill-timed and ill-conceived and I suggest you think long and hard before making similar comments in the future. There but for the grace of God go you and many others. KENNETH BERG

IMAGE

Sir. - The law of Israel forbids the publication of the name and other identifying details (such as the picture) of the head of the GSS. Whatever the reasons for this may be, and I, like many others, am not convinced they are valid, it should be upheld by the media until otherwise egislated.

A VERY NEGATIVE

I was therefore astonished to see the IBA broadcast an interview with the said Mr. "K" in which they chose to obscure his image by converting it to a oegative, which indicated either utter foolishness, or total contempt for this law. I did not need to wait until some Palestinian newspaper would take the simple steps needed to convert this to a positive, as my home video equipment allowed me to do this

immediately. I would urge the IBA, which sometimes has need to guard the privacy of interviewees, to choose a more effective method, such as the coarse pixel technique. Otherwise, I would warn anyone who does not wish to be publicly identified to keep away from TV cameras. JEREMY TOPAZ

So global warming has now become a theory of everything bad; rain, snow, heat, cold, storms, droughts. You name it, we caused

In fact, the historical record directly contradicts the theology. Harvard astrophysicist Sallie Balimnas points out that in Northern Europe over the last 1,000 years, the increased deviatation and occurrences of storms is closely linked to cooler rather than warmer temperature. Sublime conditions prevailed during the 10th-12th centuries (roughly 1 degree warmer than now). In the 13th century, when a cooling began that lasted centuries, storms and sea flooding in the area around the North Sea increased dramatically. in severity and frequency.

Moreover, explains Michaels the problem with generating mid-Atlantic snow is, in any case, not a

Globe awards leave Oscar in the dark

the English period film Sense and Sensibility, starring Emma Thompson, proved the only real winner in last Sunday's Golden Globe Awards, leaving the field open for the cov-eted Oscars, which will be presented in March.

The Golden Globes, awarded by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, have in previous years been widely seen as an accurate forecast of who will take away t'e cherished Academy Awards, but Sunday night's results left Hollywood in a guessmg mood

Sense and Sensibility took two of the top awards. Thompson was honored for best screenplay - she both wrote the script and starred in the film - and it won best dramatic picture for producer Lindsay Doran. The film had been nominated for six Golden Globes, more than any other production. Thompson, a two-time Oscar

winner for her acting, lost out in the stakes for best actress, but said she considered the writing award more important. "It is houribly gratifying. I'm bloated with pride," she said backstage after receiving the award.

But for other films the night's results proved to be a mixed bag Best director went to Mel Gibson for the medieval drama Brave Heart, although he was not even nominated for his starting role in the film.

The best actor accolade went to Nicolas Cage for his part in the dark drama of alcoholism, Leaving Las Vegas, a low-budget movie released in select art theaters which has generated a cult following.

His co-star, Elizabeth Shue, while nominated, failed to receive the award for best dramatic actress. That went instead to Sharon Stone for her part in director Martin Scorsese's Casino.

her accolade, praising Scorsese and her co-star, Robert De Niro.

Unlike the Academy Awards, the Golden Globes are split into two categories: drama, and music or comedy. In the latter category the best film award went to Babe, which beat out such critically acclaimed movies such as The American President and Get

But John Travolta, star of Get Shorty, took away the Golden Globe as best actor in a musical or comedy film, lining him up for a possible Oscar.

Other winners oo Sunday included Nicole Kidman as best actress in a musical or comedy for To Die For, Mira Sorvino as best supporting actress in the low-budget but highly acclaimed film Mighty Aphrodite, and Brad Pitt as best supporting actor in Twelve

The Hollywood Foreign Press



screenplay adaptation of Sense and Sensibility.'

Association, which presents the Golden Globes, also honors televi-sion's best. Cybill Shepherd took best television comedy actress award for her show, Cybill, while Kelsey Grammer honed in on the male comedy award for Frasier.

Cybill took the honors for the best comedy TV series, while Party of Five was the surprise winner of the drama TV series, beating out NYPD Blue, Murder One, ER, and Chicago Hope. (Reuter)

to sing a duet for one

Pregnant mezzo is set

sion "eating for two," but what of "singing for time being six years ago. At the concert in Jaffa's Noga Theater, Krucker will repeat nne Canadian mezzo-soprano Fides Krucker will be seven months of her Kfar Blum successes, the

pregnant with her second child folk songs of Italian composer when she appears tomorrow with Luciano Berio. "It was great coming into rehearsal this murning and realthe Israel Chamber Orchestra. The baby gives me a kind of izing that about a third of the a balance from the inside. He or a balance from the inside. File of she is very quiet when I sing but becomes active once I strip. I wonder if it will recognize this musicians had performed this piece with me already in Kfar Blnm. It was as if I was returning home in a sense, it was much less

kind of music when it grows up." frightening."
The ICO performed this piece Krucker didn't know she would be pregnant when she signed a contract to appear with the ICO. Still, she's happy to be

"It was really very last-minute. A comple of weeks from now no airline would allow me on board," she noted in her Tel Aviv hotel on Sunday evening. Krucker is more familiar with

the rural part of Israel. She has appeared twice at the Kfar Blum Chamber Music Festival, the last

one of my heroes, I really adore what she did with her voice." Krueker will also perform Canadian composer's Murray

several decades agn with the

composer himself on the podinm

and his late wife Cathy

Barberian as soloist. "Cathy is

Schafer's Requiems for the Party

"The initial idea was to do Schafer's Arcana hut the conduc-

tor, Steven Stein, thought that it would be politically incorrect as the orchestra members are asked to pronouoce some texts writteo in hieroglyphic. He didn't feel comfortable with it and I didn't mind doing Requiems."

Requiems is comprised of 10 arias that tell the story of a woman "who commits suicide. It is about loss of direction ... that splitting of the personality after which you have no place to go oo

She admits that she's not wild about the work. "It goes back to a long tradition that started with Donizetti and Bellini of what male composers do with women and how they perceive us. It's too simple to say that she is mad, that's the easy way out. There is much more to this isolated woman."

The presentation will also feature a video directed hy Krucker's hushand, composer/director Tom Sokolosky, who has traveled here with her.

Friel puts

a stinger

in the tale

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

PHILADELPHIA

HERE I COME

By Brian Friel. Direction and translation, Ido Ricklin. Set, Moshe Yosipov. Costumes, Michał Laoz, Music, Effi Shoshani, Lighting, Judy Kuperman. Hebrew title, Philadelphia Ani Ba! At the Beersheba Municipal Theater.

..... Nati Ravitz Lior Ashkenazi

Alex Peleg

Portuguese music is put on the map

ven before the script to his latest film was written, Wim Wenders had decided on the sound track.

After hearing recordings of the Portuguese band Madredeus, with vocalist Teresa Salgueiro, the German director knew he had to include them in Lisbon Story. And when he finally met the

band live, the experience was so powerful Wenders recreated the encounter for the film.

The gorgeously lit scene - from a rehearsal of "Malagre," the second song from the sound-track album Ainda (NMC) - should give the audience the kind of goose humps it first gave the filmmaker.

Andiences will undoubtedly rush out to buy Ainda with its bleed of Spanish guitar, bass, warm cello, evocative accordion and hauntingly pure Portuguese vocals. But does the andio bit as hard without the visual?

The question is complicated by a sound technician, and the film insists that the audience listen to the city. Does the music leap out at one at home the same way it does in the movie theater, where auditory awareness is heightened by the sounds of pigeons flying and trams turning street corners?

This listener's answer is "no." Listening to the album several times before seeing the film, I found it nice, but a tad pale, melodically weak background music. But that same music was entrancing when it accompanied the movie and was fueled by a powerful sound system.

This dichotomy was particularly interesting as I was moved by an imseen Salgueiro on two tracks of the diverse and "ear-opening" collection Voices From the World (NMC). The first cut is Madredeus's "O Pastor," from their 1990 album Existic. The second is "Ave Mundi" from the album of the same name by the classical Vox Ensemble and Rodrigo Leao, the bass playing co-founder of Madredeus, who left the group after the completion of Lisbon Story.

Those two tracks were a wakeup call that caused me, like the thousands of Europeans who are tuning into this musical milien, to ask: What is going on in Portugal? This is precisely the effect that Madredeus hoped for when they (according to the wooderfully idiosyncratic English of their PR sheet) set out to "resparkle the liking and the interest in the singing of Pontuguese music."

Ave Mundi has stronger



Teresa Salgueiro's voice seduced German director Wim Wenders, who featured her in his new film, 'Lisbon Story.'

melodies than does Ainda. Its rich orchestration includes violins, flute, English horn, and an occasional programmed beat, as well as the instruments used in the

soundtrack. When Salgueiro joins in, the combination sets off her voice as masterfully as does Wenders's cinematography. Even though the

style is basically "elassical crossover" and the text is in Latin, the delicate music has an optimism that seems to fit the goodoatured Portuguese spirit por-

trayed in the film: As with the work of Madredeus, whose name means mother of God, the album's purpose is to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

A latest play fulfills the expectations commonly held of serious straightforward theater, conveying a comforting and wholesome sense of good oldfashioned drama. Suddenly, however, the treatment has an unexpected twist. It is this twist which turns Philadelphia into a novel and riveting stage experience.

t the outset, Brian Friel's

His plays, though their topics range from mystic Gaelic yearnhem, all basically deal with the drudgery and despoodence of rural Ireland. Here too, Ireland is the background in a village boy's bid to escape to the promised land. The pathos and nostalgia of the exile-to-be is poignantly delineated. (The parallel to hordes of Israelis similarly torn cannot be

If the milieu is similar to Dancing at Lughnasa (Habimah, 1994), here the literary device introduced to drive development works unequivocally. The personality split and sense of alienation induced in Gar by his imminent separation from home and hearth and the abandoning of the deepest part of his being is wooderfully dramatized in a double role of the outer and the inner man. The public Gar and the private Gar are played with great sensitivity and passion by two fine young actors.

Ido Ricklin handles the Irish ethos with the same empathy as he did in Lughnasa. Short of Dublin's Abbey or Gate, I can think of no production achieving stronger ethnic autheoticity. The sour silences between Madge, the ebullient housekeeper, and Gar's dour, emhittered father, are masterfully understated.

Local color is heightened too in smaller roles with Hugo Yarden as the sly, convivial priest and Lupo Berkovitch as the frustrated village teacher.

Jazz giant Gerry Mulligan dies with

erry Mulligan, who has died of cancer at 68, virtually reinvented the baritoue saxophone as a jazz instru-

In the 1940s, Mulligan evolved a light, airy tone and agile phrasing which greatly enlarged the instrument's expressive range. The lithe elarity of Mulligan's playing was matched by the sharply defined melodic lines of his writing. Along with Miles Davis, Gil

Evans and others, he developed radical new forms of jazz composition.

Gerald Joseph Mulligan was born in New York on April 6, 1927. His father was an industrial engineer, whose work kept the family on the move. At about the age of nine, in Martkjion, Ohio, Gerry had his first glimpse of the musician's life. On his way to school he saw a bus parked in front of a local hotel. "It was a small old Greyhound bus with a canopied observation platform," he recalled, "and on the bus was printed 'Red Nichols And His Five Pennies.' It all symbolized travel and adventure. I was never the

same after that." In 1946, he moved to New York permanently to work with Gene Krupa's band. For Krupa,

Mulligan wrote "Disc Jockey Jump," which became a juke-box hit. The next year, he moved to Claude Thornhill's band and struck up a friendship with Thornhill's other arranger, Gil Evans, who introduced him to the circle of experimental players and writers working with Miles Davis in a revolutionary 10-piece band. As a commercial venture, Davis's band was a failure, but its recordings were hugely influential

and, issued later as an album entitled The Birth of the Cool, are regarded as classics. Of the 12 recorded pieces Mulligan wrote

After moving to California in 1952 he teamed up with trumpeter Chet Baker to form what was to become one of the most popular small bands of the decade, the Gerry Mulligan Quartet. This, too, was regarded as revolutionary, because it contained no piano or other chordal instrument.

Cool and fluent, with witty arrangements and tuneful, optimistic-sounding solos, the quartet's music remains some of the most charming in the history of

At the height of its fame, Mulligan was arrested on a drug charge and sentenced to 90 days in prison. On his release he found that the group had melted away. Other quartets followed.

With his 13-piece Concert Jazz Band in the early 1960s, he perfected an already prodigious skill in manipulating orchestral color. In 1958, Mulligan began a longterm relationship with actress Judy Holliday and through her became interested in acting. He appeared in several films, including The Subterraneans.

In 1965, Holliday was diagnosed as suffering from terminal cancer, and, although their love affair had ended, Mulligan gave up every-thing to nurse her through her final months. He subsequently married actress Sandy Dennis. The concert band played inter-

mitteotly throughout the 1960s and 1970s, in the face of unsympathetic changes in jazz fashion, and Mulligan appeared regularly with the Dave Brubeck Quarter for some years.

His physical appearance changed dramatically, from clean-cut college boy to bearded prophet. By the 1980s, he was established as an international soloist and occasional handleader, and he kept up a busy schedule until his final illness. (The Daily Telegraph)

Pianist conquers Prokofiev; Ra'anana Symphonette gives signs

Leonore

eethoven's Overture No. 3, as curtain raiser in the Jerusalem Orchestra's Symphony Subscription Concert No. 5, conducted by David Shallon, made one wonder whether its inclusion in the orchestra's planned European tour's program was motivated by the motto "Everything you can do I can do Russian-born Anatol Ugraski is a

pianist who does unexpected things. These include occasional delicately spun, soft lyric passages along with immensely powerful radenzas of murderously technical demands in Prokofiev's Concerto No. 2. He obviously relished what he is doing. He is a musician with his own individual style, but at the same time he manages to remain true to the work's style, which is admittedly a little eccentric.

Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique was given an impassioned rendition. There was a noticeably elegant lilt in the Valsewhich evoked the different stringent moods of the changing movements. Although it is an ambitious endeavor, there seems a fair chance that the discriminating European audiences may respond favorably to this communicative performance.

Jerusalem Theater, January 17 Ury Eppstein

IT WAS as if a new orchestra was playing in Ra'anana. Under the baton of new musical director

CONCERT ROUNDUP

Yuval Zeliuck, the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra looked and sounded like a group of musicians who were finally enthusiastic about their task.

This all-Mozart evening provided crisp playing and a full symphonic sound from an orchestra that has suffered considerably in its

The "Haffner" symphony was a tour de force, with charm, vitality and verve, and with alert and energetic playing and precise conducting. Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for four wind instruments was a pure delight, its profound second movement the most sublime

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moment of the evening. Accolades go above all to the orchestra's four leading wind players, oboist Ilay Mishor, clarinettist Victor Berlin, bassoonist Elah Lahav and horn player Michael

In the first part of the evening, pianist Gilead Mishory left a lot to be desired in his rendition of Mozart's 24th (K.491) piano concerto, played with very little sensitivity and in a rather bland way.

Slatkin who managed, each as

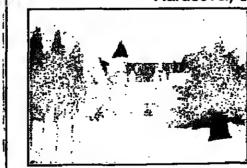
individuals as well as an ensemble

to create a magnificent sound

But this was Zeliuck's evening and even more so that of the

Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra which salvaged its recent reputation for sloppy playing. It seems like they might now have a much

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Seven, too-similar items

DANCE REVIEW **DORA SOWDEN**

RTISTIC Director Jeanette Ordman of the Bat-Dor Dance Company ARTISTIC Director Jeanette Subel-Kassel both figured on the program and her assistant Rosaline Subel-Kassel both figured on the program of the annual Winter Workshop at the Bat-Dor Theater in Tel Aviv

(January 18), lending the performance a certain prestige.

Ordinan had chosen to "adapt" a work by American Mark Haim - a work included in the Bar-Dor repertoire classes. It had the merit of suggesting barroque (even rococo) dance set to a Concerto Grosso by Handel (Opus 6 No. 7). Subel-Kassel used music by Shostakovich for 10 dancers in Corsice. Anya Brud included Burundi drumming and Billie Holiday's voice in the collage for a schoolroom scene with desks.

The rest of the seven items had a sameness of attack in the dancing even when the methods ranged from toe steps to with-it moves and music from Bach to Holst, though llana Kalef's Voices From Within was

set rather prettily to ti Ankri's songs. More men than usual were dancing - with an easy rhythm even in difficult lifts and with a sense of style beyond that of the women.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Gold rises to 2½-year high

LONDON (Reuter) - Gold \$400 through most of the last two powered above the key \$400 an ounce market threshold yesterday, hitting a 21/2-year high wheo a stronger dollar prompted speculative buying in Asia.

It was fixed in the London bullion market at \$401.80 in the morning, its highest in the current "bull" market, after a strong finish on Friday when it ended just over \$399 in New York.

This inspired technical buying, while the strong dollar aroused interest among Japanese private

Gold had languished below

years, failing to attract speculative money, despite steady supply and good worldwide jewelry demand, especially in Asia. Dealers said Australiao pro-

ducers might be selling at high levels since a combination of a weak local curreocy and the strong US dollar had pushed up domestie gold prices there.

Dealers added that positive comments on the strengthening dollar by finance ministers of the Group of Seven industrial nations at the weekend might have encouraged speculative buying.

Post Office handles 540 million pieces in '95

DESPITE better electronic telecommunications, the Postal Authority bandled a heavier mailbag last year - 540 million pieces compared to 507 million in 1994.

Postal Authority chairmao Amos Mar-Haim and directorgeneral Ran Levin said yesterday the average domestic letter takes 1.5 days to reach its destination, while the average wait in a post office line is 3.9 minotes.

Income for 1995 was estimated a NIS 985 million - or NIS 3.5m. more than was expected. Of the eotire income, NIS 72m. was transferred to the state as royalties and in lieu of property.

An additional NIS 101m. was invested in equipment and compoterization. Postal rates increased 8%, just under the infla-

The main target this year is to turn the authority into a for-prof. the year, some 75% will derive it postal firm. The 1996 budget is from postal services and 12% NIS 1.118 billioo, plus 17 from banking services.



Mar-Haim: Average wait in post office line is under four (Brian Hendler)

NIS 124m. for iovestment in computerizatioo, special projects, buying new buildings and renovating existing property.

Of the projected income for

Hapoalim completes first stage of reorganization

Sivan: Bank won't need outside help to meet requirements of Brodet Report

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Hapoalim has completed the first stage of a reorganization plan which will eventually separate its customers into four divisions, according to their oeeds and risk levels, general manager Amiram Sivan said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference, Sivan said the plan involves strategic changes in bank branches and providing different services to different customers.

The plan is based on McKinsey ioternational consultancy firm's recommendations, which pro-posed the division of Hapoalim's customers into sectors - households and general, private banking, business and conglomerates.

The sectors will be separated into four divisions managed by Hapoalim's senior management. The bank hopes to complete the

reorganization plan by 1998.
"We are presently involved in building a new bank based on oew principles, which consider customers' banking requirements in the next decade and the decade after that," said Sivan. "Over the years, customers' requirements bave become more and more complex, widening the gap betweeo different customers' oeeds

"We believe that as the services we provide become more complex and riskier, the expense to customers goes up, and for this reason the cost should be covered only by the sector requiring the service," he said.

At the start of the month, Ha-



Sivan: The plan involves changes in branches and providing different services to different customers. (Sarit Uziely)

sion, which is managed by Joseph Dauber, Hapoalim joint managing director.

Dauber said the bank has established nine regional centers throughout the cocotry which will serve all bank branches and employ managers in charge of customer relations.

These managers are each in charge of about 50 customers and have the authority to aothorize all customer activities.

The next step in the reorgani-zation process is operation of the private banking division, which is currectly at the experimental stage in nine branches.

Sivan also announced that Hapoalim completed organization of poalim will complete procedures its medium-sized business divi- to reduce its holdings in non-fi-

nancial holdings this year as recommended by the Brodet Report without having to receive external help. Sivan was referring to rumors that Hapoalim may seek the Treasury's assistance in sell-

ing its excess nonbank holdings. All local banks must cut their holdings in non-financial holdings to.25 percent or less by December 31 under new legislation which will be passed io upcoming

Should Hapoalim not sell all its excess nonbank holdings by the deadline, the assets will go into receivership and then be sold by the Treasury.

Hapoalim announced plans to equalize the voting rights of its subsidiary Ampal and reduce its holdings in the company to less than 25%, in an announcement to the American Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange at the end of last week.

The bank said it plans to equalize the voting rights of Ampal's common stock with those of Ampal class A shares. As part of the proposal, Hapoalim will seek compensation for the redoction in voting rights.

Hapoalim owns 50.4% of Ampai's Class A stock and all the company's outstanding common

The common stock, which is oot traded publicly, entitles Hapoalim to 50% of Ampal's voting rights, no matter how many Class A shares it owns.

The bank also said it is soliciting proposals to acquire a portion of its holdings in Ampal.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ECI Telecom announced yesterday it has been named the sole supplier of HDSL transmission systems to British Telecom. The award of the \$18 million contract follows a competitive bid and technical evaluation. HDSL is a coding scheme which extends the range of standard transmission networks from 1-1.5 kilometers to 5 km. ECI Telecom is among the first companies to deploy HDSL in Europe.

By deploying ECI's ExLine2 access product, BT will be able to immediately extend transmission network range without having to install fiber optic cable.

First Beduin-operated supermarket to open: The first Beduinoperated supermarket, Markol HaNegev, will open in Rahat, SuperSol announced yesterday. The 1,200-meter store, a \$1.5 million investment is a SuperSol licensee. Rachel Neiman

Africa Israel Resorts has announced it will sponsor the 1996 National Monopoly championships.

South Koreans interested in investing here: The president of Korea Telecom has told Finance Minister Avraham Shohat that South Koreans want to invest in Israel, which it regards as a "meeting point between East and West." At a festive dinner held in Shohat's bonor in South Korea over the weekend, Lee Gon said Israel and Korea have much in common, "and we iotend to invest much in economic activities in Israel."

Shohat and his delegation were amazed to receive information booklets on Korea Telecom that had been fully translated into Hebrew. Shohat said he was aware of the interest of South Korean firms in investing here, and noted that the Israeli economy is open to competition.

Korea Telecom (most of whose shares are owned by the Korean government) is one of the partners in a consortium (with the US company Frontier and Lemmi Investments) competing for the tender to supply overseas phone services in Israel. The investment group is headed by Aluf (res.) Giora Rom, a former IDF military attache in the US. Judy Siegel

Daimler-Benz cuts loose near-bankrupt Fokker

FRANKFURT (AP) - Daimler-Benz, Germany's biggest industrial group, announced yesterday it would contribute no more cash to save its Dutch aircraft subsidiary, Fokker, from insolvency after bailout talks with the Netherlands government failed.

Trading in Fokker shares was suspended on the Amsterdam stock exchange, and contingency plans were being made for the layoff of 7,800 people at five plants in what would be the biggest company shutdown in Dutch history.

"Profit comes before business

volume," Daimler-Benz Chairman Juergen Schrempp said in a statement issued at company headquarters in Stuttgart after suspension of Daimler tracing on the Frankfurt stock exchange doring a supervisory board meeting.

The company said, "While more than 80 percent of our group core operations are runniog satisfactorily," Daimler would take losses of DM 6, billion for 1995, more than twice as much as had been predicted by analysts.

"In the interests of the stockholders, the performance of the entire company should no longer be spoiled by the remaining 20 percent," said the Daimler-Benz statement.

The losses were attributed to Fokker, which is 11% controlled by the Dutch government, and to restructuring of AEG, the money-losing electronics and railway division over which Daimler-Benz receotly took complete

Options trading was also halted in Frankfurt and Berlin for AEG AG, and the Daimler statement said costs of restructuring AEG was estimated at DM 1.5b. Allowing cash-starved Fokker to slide into bankruptcy will cost Daimier-Benz an additional DM 2.3b. in charges that will contribute to the record 1995 loss, the company said.

But Daimler officials had indicated during the weekend that, under German tax law, if they stop pouring money into Fokker and take the losses now, it can all be counted_toward 1995

The Daimler announcement indicated that was the probable strategy. It predicted the compaoy would swing to a net profit in

Daimler has been extending a sobstantial amount of financial support to Fokker since Daimler-Beoz Acrospace AG (DASA) became the majority shareholder

The acrospace divisioo itself has been one of Daimler-Benz's most troubled departments, costing DM 1.2b. in charges in the first half of 1995 to cover costs from the undervalued dollar. The aerospace division buys parts and sells its product in dollars but pays wages in marks.

Daimler-Benz Aerospace said last fall it would start moving production to other countries to remain competitive, and would cut 8,800 jobs in Germany over the next three years.

At a news conference, Schrempp admitted that DASA made a "big mistake" in buying Fokker in 1993, just as the aerospace market was deteriorating. Schrempo was DASA chairman at the time.

Schrempp said his company had been asking the Dutch to give an additional DM 1b. in emergency financial aid to keep Fokker afloat. But, he said, the Dutch did not respond.

He said it was up to others now to ensure Fokker's future.

Beirut Stock Exchange back in business after 13 years

BEIRUT (Reuter) - With the traditional ringing of a bell to open the session, the Beirut Stock Exchange resumed trading yesterday after a break of nearly 13 years caused by Lebanoo's civil war.

Deputy trading floor chief Elissar Tamim rang the hand-held bell from the prewar days of open outcry trading to anoounce the start of operations on the small, computerized trading floor set up by the Paris bourse. "It's a fine day today... It's a good day.

We are looking with great optimism on this step," declared acting Finance Minister Fouad Siniora, visiting the floor as trading began.
"I hope the modest beginning that we

are starting with is going to attract more and more people and companies into the stock exchange," Siniora said. The government of billionaire Prime

Minister Rafik Hariri sees the Beirut Stock Exchange as a key to the revival of Lebanoo's capital markets and a future conduit for funds to flow into the country for national reconstruction.

But the restart, with three listed shares, was quiet compared with trading before the 1983 closure when 42 shares were listed and Beirut was the most active exchange in the Middle East.

Prices set at the fixing for the three shares - two cement companies and an industrial piping manufacturer - were in line with those on the Beirut grey market, which has been active in the stocks for

Cimeots Lihanais, Lebaooo's secood biggest company, was fixed at \$4,625 compared with \$4.50-\$4.60 oo the grey market, Ciments Blancs was \$6.875 (\$6.75-\$7.00) and industrial piping maker Eternit was \$3.375 (\$3.45-\$3.50.)

Officials said the five authorized brokerage houses received a total of 40-50 buy and sell orders and 14,720 shares worth a total \$63,525 were traded.

"The prices and volume are realistic," said Nabil Aoun, president of the Beirut Stockbrokers Association and chairman of Fidus SAL, one of five brokerage houses. "I am very, very satisfied with the volume for the first day."

But the volume was dwarfed by the rival Beirut Secondary Market, a privatelyowned market under central bank supervision which only trades shares of Solidere, Lebanoo's biggest company which is rehuilding war-shattered central Beirut.

Yesterday's trade in Solidere shares totaled \$650.955 - 10 times the value of trade oo the revived stock exchange. However, BSE officials were heartened

just before trading began by news that Solidere will move its shares to the Stock Exchange in the spring when its agreement with the private market expires. "We anticipate that we will do that

sometime in May," Solidere ebairman

"We are now in discussions with the Beirut Stock Exchange to implement all

these steps." Solidere's shares will boost the stock exchange, adding \$2 billion capitalization to the total capitalization of about \$500.

million of the three listed companies. Chamaa's statement was the first official indication from Solidere that it would move to the official exchange. It has been traded on the Beirut Secondary Market since mid-1994.

Other additions to the stock exchange are expected shortly. The famed Casino du Liban, preparing

to reopen this year, says its shares will return to the market in a week or two. Stock exchange chairman Gabriel Sch-

naoui says an investment fund and three oew companies - two industrial companies and a real estate firm - have also applied for listings.

JERUSALEM DISTRICT ELECTRICITY COMPANY LTD.

Tender No. 2/96 11 & 33 KV LIGHTNING ARRESTERS

Bids are invited for the supply of 11 & 33 kV lightning arresters (tender no. 2/96). A copy of the specifications and conditions of tender may be

obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Directors, 15 Salah El-Din Street, East Jerusalem, Tel. 282335/6/7 until

Bids should be submitted by 12 noon on February 29, 1996.

JERUSALEM DISTRICT ELECTRICITY COMPANY LTD.

Tender No. 3/96 400V HRC CARTRIDGE FUSE LINKS

Bids are invited for the supply of 400V HRC cartridge fuse links (tender no. 3/96). A copy of the specifications and conditions of tender may be

obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Directors, 15 Salah El-Din Street, East Jerusalem, Tel. 282335/6/7 until February 8, 1996.

Bids should be submitted by 12 noon on February 29, 1996.

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AND TERMINATIONS Bids are invited for the supply of heat shrinkable joints and terminations (tender no. 4/96).

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L'Oreal buys 35.5% more of Interbeauty

MULTINATIONAL L'Oreal has acquired an additional 35.5 pereot share in Interbeanty for some \$8.5 million.

In 1994; L'Oreal iovested \$7.5m. in return for a 30% stake in Interbeauty, making the local company part of the L'Oreal group but not a subsidiary.

L'Oreal has a policy not to consolidate companies in which it holds less than 50%. As of this month, Interbeauty

is now a subsidiary of L'Oreal,

which now owns 65.5% of it. L'Oreal started doing business through agents here 15 years ago, Interbeauty board chairman Gad Propper said. lo 1987, Interbeauty switched its focus from

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(part of the L'Oreal group) to L'Oreal itself.

"Now we are entering directly into the market," explained L'Oreal Enrope geoeral manager Franklin Berrebi, who was here yesterday to make the announcement

The move is in line with L'Oreal'a strategy to first enter markets through agents and theo "when the company has reached the appropriate size to take over the majority." The strategy was recently implemented in both Po-

land and Taiwan. Interbeauty's Migdal Ha'emek factory has doubled in size over the past two years, and "our plan is to redouble within the next two years," Propper said.

This country could "possibly become a regional supplier, depending on the development of Israel's relationsbips with its neighbors," Berrebi said.

The recently launched Interbeauty cosmetics line Natural Sea Beauty will receive marketing and sales support from L'Oreal. Berrebi said he is happy with King'a Road, the local agent for

L'Orcal professional hair care

products business, hot said a

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Although bampered by the lack of proper consumer indexes or rating system, Berrebi said marketing here "will be similar to other European countries."

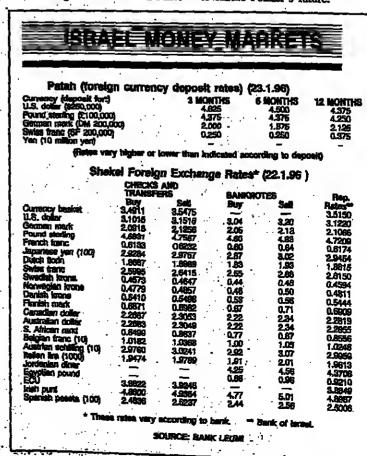
Berrebi praised Israel's Western-style distribution channels, which include retail chains such as SuperPharm, Clal Pharm and cosmetic store April, and privately owned perfumeries and pharmacies. He noted increasing interest on the food sector's part in creating larger cosmetics

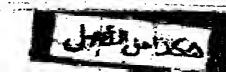
"This creates favorable conditions for market development," he said noting other factors such as the introduction of commercial TV, a high degree of newspaper and magazine readers and Israel's well-traveled population - "who know products and are interested in trying them."

Many, but not all, major L'Oreal consumer items are available

Propper said the practice of gradually introducing a limited number of brands was pragmatic. 'We still can't support all the brands. [Support] takes money, resources and people."

He promised there would be three new launches this year.



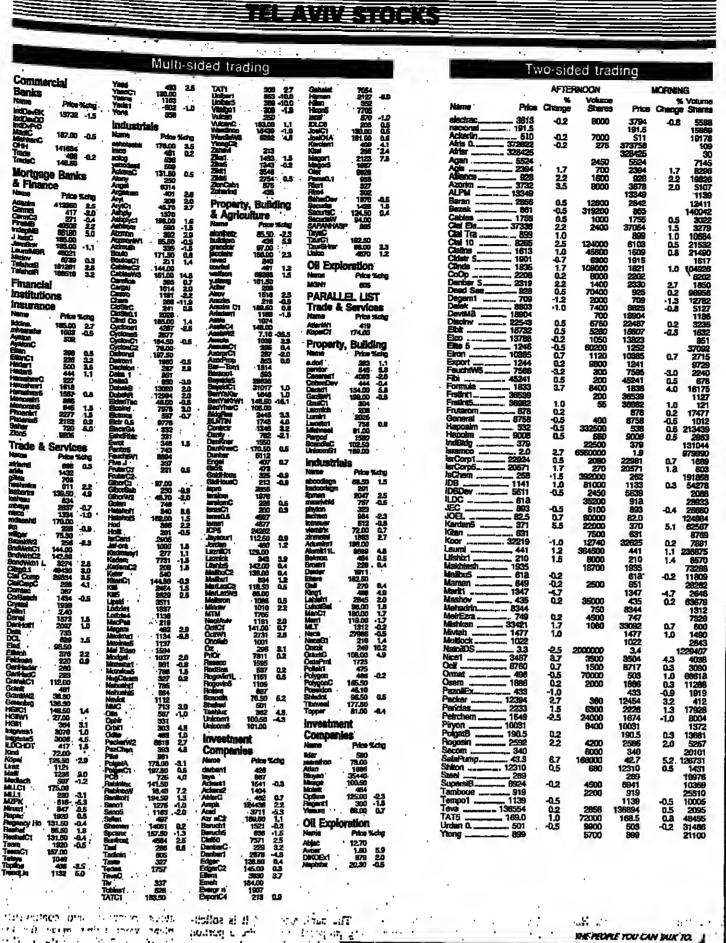


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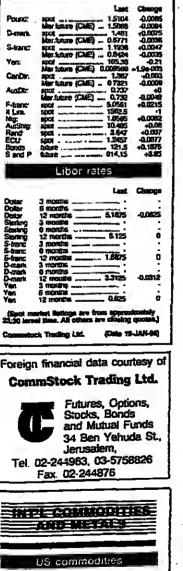
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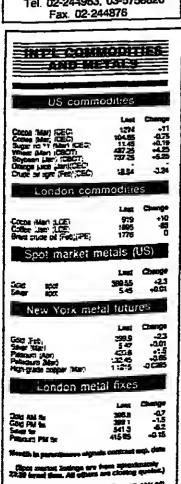
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Two-Sided index

STOCKS closed little changed yesterday, as many investors hold index options that expire this week and will be profitable if the Maof Iodex stays at current

"The only thing that halds back the market is the Maof options expiring Thursday," said Idao Azoulay, who maoages about \$70 million in securities for BLT Securities here. "The curreot index staying around 220 suits many people. I doo't expect any major movements" this

Fourth-quarter earnings reports also should start trickling in this week. "The sectiment is quite positive," he said. "Indications show that earnings have grown." The Two-Sided Index closed

up 0.2 percent at 211.26, while the Maof Index advanced 0.17% to 220.41.

The most active issue was holding company Clal Israel, which weot up 2.5% oo turnover of more than NIS 10.2m.

The Clal Electronics and Clal Industries subsidiaries also advaoced, 2.25% and 1.75% respectively.

More than NIS 118m. of shares

Maof index

traded, 15% more thao the month's average of NIS 102.6m. While earnings are expected stronger, Azonlay said, the rate

> from industry to industry. For example, "we're expecting a low rate of profitability from hotels," because the shekel did not devalue against the dollar. It was steady at three against the

> of growth in profitability will vary

dollar most of 1995. That means that even if the hotels' dollar earnings rise, they received fewer shekels when they coovert the dollars than they would if the shekel had dropped.

Chemical compaoies were mixed. Bromine rose 1%, Israel Chemicals fell 1.5%, Petrocehmicals slumped 2.5%, Dead Sca Works was up 0.5% and Agan was unchanged.

The department store chain Shekem dropped 3% following an article in Ha'aretz discussing the company's restructuring, Azoulay said.

The government sold Sbekem intn private hands last year, and "people expected the company to show a profit in a very short time," he said. 'It takes more time than they expected."

FTSE Index closes firmer

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON - Leading shares closed modestly firmer, leaving the FTSE 100 at a new record. Traders said the market appeared to be consolidating after a near 100-point rise io six tradiog sessions.

Prices remain supported by hopes of further UK rate cuts, hot the mood is tempered with concerns over the US bond market, which is troubled by national default worries.

points up at 3,754.2. FRANKFURT - Shares ended bourse trade slightly lower, interrupting its record run due to the suspension of Daimler-Benz AG shares because of news it would

post a 1995 loss of DM 6 hillion. The 30-share DAX Index ended bourse trade down 8.23 points at 2,390.53 and near the session low of 2.387.30. The index ended IBIS electronic tradiog uochanged from the bourse closing,

finishing the day at 2,391.74.
PARIS - Shares finished lower as investors took profits on the bourse's recent gains. "People aren't really sellers hut, at these prices, they aren't buyers either, which explains the dearth of exchanges," a trader said.

The bourse, which was higher most of the day, was also pressured hy late profit-taking in the bond market. The CAC-40 Index closed down 9.86, at 1,954.42.

ZURICH - Shares eoded mixed after a volatile day and dealers said the slightly easing dollar and lower government bond futures pressured the market. The firmer opening on Wall Street had a supportive effect on prices and activity was less hectic as compared to last week wheo infloenced trade.

The all-share SPI advanced 0.16 points to 2,123.44.

TOKYO - Worries about an immineot parliamentary debate on Japan's mortgage firm scheme sent share prices lower as many. investors took to the sidelines to sec whether the scheme would be approved.

Volume shrank to 331 millioo shares, the lowest since Novem-The FTSE 100 closed 5.8 ber 24. The Nikkei average end-oints up at 3,754.2. ed down 169.23 points, or 0.83 percept, at 20,196,53.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended at another 23-mooth closing high in heavy trading, boosted by Wall Street's steep rally on Friday.

The hlue-chip Hang Seng Index surged 191.24 points, or 1.78%, to finish at 10,955.33. Turnover swelled to HK\$8.72 hillioo from Friday's adjusted

SYDNEY - The share market

ended the sessioo firmer and near its highs after being lifted by a stronger Dow on Friday and a bounce in the price of bullinn through the psychologically significant A\$400 level. The All Ordinaries Index fin-

ished 13.5 points, or 0.6% higher, at 2,260.6, a point below its intra-day high of 2,261.6.

JOHANNESBURG - Gnld shares ended an active day sharply higher after hollioo hroke above the key \$400 per ounce harrier, although dealers said gold needed to show more sustained strength to initiate a fresh

The overall index was up 85.2 points to 6,905.8, the industrial index made 50.4 to 8,685.1.

Blue chips end higher for third day running

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bloechip stocks closed higher for the third consecutive session yesterday as investors snapped up some economically sensitive shares.

data, the Dow Jones industrial Stock Exchange.

average ended 34.68 points high er at 5,219.36.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by 11 to 10 on moderate volume of 396 mil-Based on early and unofficial lion shares on the New York

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Becker reaches Jerusalem moves into first quarter-finals

MELBOURNE (Reuter) - Germao fourth seed Boris Becker flirted with danger against New Zealand's Brett Steven at the Australian Open yesterday, dropping a set before atorning home to seal his place in the last

World No. 4 Becker beat the 37th ranked Steven 1-6 6-4 6-3 6-2 in two hours 16 minutes, completing the match with an ace to set up a quarter-final clash with Russia's world oumber six Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Becker looked out of sorts in the first set, losing five straight games and allowing the athletic Sieven to take control at the net.

But as so often with Becker, he got a grip on himself and his game, using lightning reflexes at the net and booming aces on the important points to put Steven on the back foot and transform the match, running away with the next three sets.

Becker put his first set drub-

Last night's result: West Ham 0, Manchester United 1.

bing down to difficulty in fathoming out Steven's weaknesses because he had only played him once before in 1994, a match the New Zealander won.

"I really had to think hard and dig deeper." said Becker who described the turning point as breaking Steven's serve while down a break at 2-3 in the second

"It was a good thing I broke him right back. All of a sudden my game was a notch better."

Becker, who also had two nailbiting five setters on his way to the last 16, has now posted his best performance at an Australian Open since winning the title in 1991. Becker joins Kafelnikov, world

No. 2 Andre Agassi, world No. 5 Michael Chang, eighth seed Jim Courier, unseeded Australian Mark Woodforde, and Swedes Thomas Enqvist and Mikael

Earlier story in World of Sport supplement.

PREMIER LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

ARYEH DEAN COHEN THE first half of the National

Basketball League season came to an electrifying end last night wheo Hapoel Jerusalem scored an 89-83 overtime victory against Maccabi Rishoo Lezion to take sole possession of first place.

Jerusalem's superb form from the free throw line (7 of 8) in overtime was the difference as Hapoel recovered from a last second lay-up by Brian Oliver that had sent the game into the extra period.

It was Billy Thompson who got Jerusalem oo track in OT with a jumper, a remarkable feat considering Thompson had been whistled for his third foul with the game only less than seven min-

His departure hurt Jerusalem on both sides of the floor, and also turned the first half into an unaltractive match-np of two sputtering offenses.

Fortnnately for Jerusalem, Norris "The Sergeant" Coleman was on hand, doing his regular tour of duty as Jerusalem's main man. His 12 first half points kept Jerusalem narrowly ahead 37-35

The 2,500 fans at Malha and those watching the cable TV broadcast of the game at home wondering when they were going to see what had been billed as a

match-up of two of the league's premier teams got more than their money's worth in the second half.

Just when it looked like Jerusa-Jem was going to put coach Roni Bosani's club away with a combination of stifling defense on Oliver and James Gully and Coleman's cootinued sharpshooting, the game got close. Leading 50-39 with 16:30 left, Jerusalem saw its lead slip slowly away until Oliver raced all the way across the court for a lay-up to draw Rishon to 57-56 with 10 minutes

Jerusalem captain Adi Gordon hit two three-puinters after returning to the game following a head-on collision with Zufer Avadia of Rishoo, and a Pini Levy offensive rebound basket gave Jerusalem a 65-59 cushion. But Risbon's Motti Ben-Bassat hit two clutch hoops, one a threepointer, and the gritty Rishon squad stayed close.

Coleman's bank shot with 2:00 left gave Jerusalem a 76-72 lead, but Gully and then Oliver scored to tie it again. With nine seconds remaining. Coleman hit two foul shots, but the meleorie Oliver took the inbounds pass and somehow snuck inside for a game-ty-

ing lay-up just before the buzzer. The comeback seemed to take

everything out of Rishon, however. In overtime, their offense was flat, while Jerusalem was sharp. Gordon, Papi Turgeman - who had several fine offensive moves on the night and held Oliver m check until late in the second half - and Thompson, still around at the end, stepped up to the line and nailed their free throws to earn Jerusalem its place at the top

of the standings. Rishon (7-4) deserves a great deal of credit for taking Jerusalem to overtime at Malha, as does Jerusalem backcourt reserve Ro'i Eval whose three-point basket shot in the arm while Gordon was

Coleman led Jerusalem with 28 points, while Gordon had 17, Thompson 14 and Turgeman 13. Oliver led Rishon with 21, 17 m the second half and OT, while Gully added 15.

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers hire Dungy as coach ing for the same end - a winning

TAMPA (AP) - Tony Dungy's long and frustrating journey from the NFL's youngest defensive coordinator to a head coach ended on yesterday.

The long-time assistant, interviewed but passed over by four other teams in the last 10 years, will get a shot at trying to turn the Tampa Bay Buccaneers into a

"I feel that they are very, very and defense gave Jerusalem a close," the 40-year-old Dungy said at a news conference announcing his six-year contract as the sixth coach of the National Football League club. The Bocs have young players

and a nucleus ready to take off. The building blocks are there, he said, all the team needs is consistency. He became only the fourth

hlack head coach in NFL history, behind Art Shell, Dennis Green and Ray Rhodes. Dungy said his first goal is to build a sense of family and to-

getherness with everybody striv-

since 1982. The soft-spoken Duogy has

The Bucs haveo't made the playoffs or finished above .500

been interviewed for at least five other NFL vacancies in the last 10 years - twice by the Philadelphia Eagles and once each by the Greeo Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers and Jacksonville

GUESS WHAT?

What was the name of the first "Super Bowl?" AFL-NFL World Championship World Bowl

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Answer to yesterday's 'Guess Who': Marcus Allen holds the record for longest run from scrimmage in Super Bowl history, with 74 yards vs. Wash-ington in the 1984 Super Bowl

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Channel One can't seem to get enough of Maccabi

DORON Jamchee's anchoring America. What a time-waster. Mabat tonight.

Sound farfetched? Not the way Channel One's been going lately. Everywhere you look there are promos for Maccabi, or Maccabi players used to promote other programs. Sure Channel One paid a lot of our license fee mooey to Maccahi for the rights to the broadcasts, but just because the club is having less than a stellar European season, is it necessary to go overhoard to keep us

Even Thursday oights, the night when most of the games are shown, are getting a little silly. Last week's away game against Benfica Lisbon was a prime example. Prior to the game, and after an earlier report from Uri Levy and Yoram Harosh from Lisboo on the oews, we were "treated" to the Channel One announcer - who usually tells you about coming attractions - reviewing the previous week's disappointing loss to Ortez.

The sportseaster wannabe spent several minutes extolling Maecahi's first-half efforts efforts, theo reminding us that "hasketball is a 40-mioute game." "Defense - that's the name of the game," he pointed out, as if he'd just discovered

If the times for away games means Channel One needs to fill our air time before the game, why can't Levy and Harosh do some pre-game interviews? Or perhans someone could prepare a few features. Certainly no Maccabi fan who has followed the team this

seasoo learned anything new

from the pre-game hash of last

week's loss. As for the broadcast itself, the feed from Lisboo was about the same as most of the Maccabi games; too many far-away shots of the action, followed by a close-up of the player who had just scored a hasket. The camera angles improved as the game progressed, but overall, there's still a great deal of room for improvement.

And a quick word about Har-

osh, for whom we generally have the utmost respect: once the former Hapoel Jerusalem and Maccabi Jerusalem coach decided to seek the Maccabi assistant coach spot, he should have given consideration to giving up his job. hehind the mike. Channel One should've thought of the potential conflict of interest as well. While no contract has been signed yet, and while we'd hate to see Harosh give up his analyst's mike, if he is intent on seeking a

SPORTSWATCH ARYEN DEAN COHEN

position on the Maccabi beach,

he should seriously ecosider hanging up his headphones. TIRED of reading and hearing

about rich, pampered athletes? For a refreshing change of pace, try catching Prime Sports' series on great Chinese athletes. (Prime Sports, Wednesday 3:30 pm). The interviews with Chinese sports heroes is a fascinating look into the heads of these tremendously disciplined and committed athletes, who demoostrate a uniquely Oriental style of selfmotivation and pure guts.

There aren't your run-of-themill athletes talking about your sports interviews, mainly because the athletes themselves are pretty deep iodividuals. Five-time Olympic women's voileyhall champ Zhang Yongfang, for example, talked about the day she stopped playing. I felt extremely empty and lonely," she said. I missed the excitement of competition. It was a whole new way of doing things."

"I feel there are too many things in life which are not in our control. So I might as well relax and let fate Olympic medal winoing speedskater Zie Qiaopo got even

more mystical. After struggling to overcome serious injury to continue to compete, she remembers being at the Winter Olympics and thinking "I was the only soldier left standing at the edge of a cliff. All my colleagnes had been sacrificed and I was the only one left." Describing her continued skating despite a serious leg injury, she said tearfully, "Achievement is only a small part of success, and for this small

the pain." Despite having to struggle with subtitles, since the audio portion is io Chinese in deference to Prime's many Chinese-speaking viewers, this is a series worth stand why Chinese athletes are a world apart from the majority of

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SUPERCHANNEL is often a this week was disappointing.

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overheated amouncer makes the laps around the track all the more exciting, but if the weather at race time was hot and sunny, we can only assume it was run some time ago. Super Channel should at least give fans some inking of when the event actually occurred. As for "Free Board," a snowboarding program that followed, we found ourselves wishing a spowdrift would bary the approying broadcaster whose intro included: "You better watch out/

shut up, shut up, shut up. The actual snowbeauting com-

nouncer's mouth.

our alma mater, Syracuse vs. West Virginia, but the Big East the level of its programming, but basketball game showed Sunday appeared to be a repeat of a Soton Hall-St. Peter's game, and we tuned pout, ending a very subsaper afternoon of sports Pagismming.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Red Sox sign Cole

The Boston Red Sox signed free agent outfielder Alex Cole vesterday to a one-year contract that clears the way for them to acquire ace reliever Heathcliff Slocumb from Philadelphia.

The Red Sox reportedly are ready to send outfielder Lee Tinsley, reliever Ken Ryan and outfield prospect Glenn Murray to the Phillies for Slocumh, who has emerged as one of the National League's top relievers in 1995. That deal would deplete Boston's depth in center, necessitating the signing of Cole.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but Grosz said it was in the neighborhood of Cole's 1995 salary of \$500,000 with Minnesota.

White Sox get Tartabuli from Oakland The Chicago White Sox acquired outfielder Danny Tartabull from the Oakland Athletics for two minor leaguers yesterday.

Venables: 'England needs full-time coach' Terry Venables warned the English Football Association yesterday it would be a mistake to appoint a part-time successor

"I see one or two have mooted that it could be a part-time job," he said. "I have to say I think that would be impossible. It took us years to get a full-time person doing it."

This weekend monthly medal at the Caesarea Golf Club was divided into four divisions. In Division A, Leslie Benamir with a 71 net was first followed by Arie Gresaro with 74 and Cyril Kaufman, 75. Judy Reefe with the best net of the day, 68, led Division B, with Chuck Shaikowitz scoring 73 and Mike Bannister 75. Division C leader was Rena Gilon, 73, with Uri Aylon and Jules Cuburnek tied for second at 75. Tied for first in

The champion of Champions cup ran concurrently with the monthly medal. To qualify for this tournament a player had to have won an individual stableford or medal event during 1995. In Division A the gross winner was Benamir with a 75. The net winner was Tamar Renassie, the club's women's champion, with a 71. Division B had Bannister as the gross champion with \$1, and Siggy Geiger the net champion with 75. Division C cup winner (gross) was Cuburnek with 97 and Mati Zeiti was net

Chicago sent left-handed pitcher Andrew Lorraine and outfielder Charles Poe to Oakland. Tartabull, 33, split last season between the New York
Yankees and Oakland, hitting .236 with eight home runs and 35 RBIs in 83 games.

when he quits as national coach.

Caesarea golf roundup

Division D were Devora Deutch and Albert Elias with 73 net.

winner with 76. Division D cup winner for 1995 was Walter Rosenthal with an 84 net.

THEATER

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AS the miser Harpagon, virtuoso Yossi Graber snivels and souffles his mean-spirited way through this modern and overstuffed version of Moliere's The Miser. Zaharira Harifa'i is a show stopper as matchmaker Frosine. On the Cameri theater maiostage at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translatioo ioto English)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE 20th Francois Shapira Competition for Young Musicians cootiones today and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum (10:00 - 1:00 and 2:30 - 5:30), this time featuring 12 contestants in the string divisioo. Those moving on to the second stage will play et the same locale oext Monday at 7:00.

The Tel Aviv Museum hosts two different chamber in 'Clueless.' music coocerts this week. Tonight, violinist Guy

Braunstein, cellist Alban Gerhardt and pianist Ohad Beo-Ari perform piano trios by Beethoven, Ravel and Brahms. On Saturday, Russian pianist Ya'acov Kasman presents a recital in the Homage to Arthur Rubinstein series, playing selections by Prokofiev, Scriabin and Ravel at 8:30.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

IF the title Food and Drink sounds a bit generic, that's the whole idea. This oddly cobbled-together program manages to combine consumer reports (best-prepared mince pies), matter-of fact howtos, hysterical wine reviews and cute but pointless on-location segments from the Coq au Van fastfood truck - all in less than an hour. The hodgepodge is genially held together by a host with gray hair, black-rimmed specs and the reassuring manner of an undertaker. It's all very different from the personality or schuck-driven quality of most cookery programs. Food and Drink is on BBC World tonight at 6:25 and tomorrow at 11:25 p.m.



Cher (Alicia Silverstone) left, Tai (Brittany Murphy) and Dionne (Stacey Dash) are the three graces of Beverly Hills High

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** CLUELESS - Amy Heckerling's delightfully free filmic adaptation of Jane Austen's Emma replaces the rigid social structure of 19th-century rural England with the rigid social structure of a con-temporary Beverly Hills high school. As in her debut movie, Fast Times at Ridgemont High, another happy-go-lucky comedy of pubescent manners, Heckerling exaggerates the ups and downs of teenage life with just the sort of melodramatic embellishment that kids themselves use. Her eye and ear are still attened hilariously to the quicks of adolescent dress, talk and musical taste - just as Austen's X-ray vision was fixed intently and sympathetically on the prejudices that governed the actions of her class-bound characters. Whether or not the behavior they observe is identical (it's not), their satiric impulse - at once critical and affectionate - springs from a similar place. With the amazing Alicia Silverstone as Cher, a lovable spoiled brat and latter day Emma Woodhouse. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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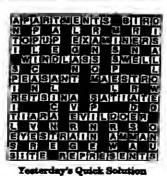
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- 22 Tip-top jewellery for the show-off (6)
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- 13 How royal personages come over in London (5,5)
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- 18 Sort of jumper seen only on 16 (4-4)
- 19 The more upstanding panter (6)
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- 24 One goes after money when single (4)

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6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Shakespearean Theater 8:30 Literature 8:55 Arithmetic 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Literature 11:00 French 11:15 Math 11:25 Science 11:35 English 11:45 Open Studio: Graffiti 12:20 Science and technology 12:40 Geography 13:00 Megalopolis 13:30 Animal Tales 13:45 Kity Cat and Hummy 14:00 Peter Pan 14:25 Cartoons 15:00 Current affairs

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■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 700 Club 14:55 Matinee Film 16:30 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 17:20 Inspector Gedget 17:45 Flying House 18:10 Father Dowling 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 21:30 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 22:20 Earth 2 23:10 700 Club 00:00 Special

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FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Bob 10:55 Cafe Americain 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 ENG 16:40 Neighbors 17:05 Antonella 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Beverly Hills 90:210 21:40 Robin's Hoods 22:25 Robin's Hoods 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 St. Elsewhere 1:25 Knots Landing

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 God Bless the Child (1991) (rpt) 12:10 The Man with the Golden Arm (1955) – Frank Sinatra stars in this drama about e man trying to turn over a new leaf after getting out of jail. But life with his dependent wife (Eleanor Parkér) makes him turn to drugs. (118 mins) 14:10 in Concert – Red Hot Chilli Peppers 14:50 Superman III (1983) - comic-book superhero saves the world again (rpt) 16:55 Perry Mason: Lady in the Lake (1988) - a tennis player is accused of murdering his wealthy wife (95 mins) 18:35 Firestorm (1993) - suspense drama starring Jill (1993) - suspense drama starring Jill (1994) - suspense drama starring Jill Clayburgh as a disabled woman trapped in a burning house (92 mins) 20:15 Pointman - drama series 21:00 Delta Force (1986) - Chuck Nords heads a team of soldiers sent to rescue American hostages from a to rescue American hostages from a plane hijacked by Iranian terrorists, With Lee Marvin and Martin Balsam. Directed by Menahem Golan and filmed in Israel (123 mins) 23:05 Death Wish III (1985) - Charles Bronson plays the lone vigilante again (rpt) 00:35 Victim of Beauty (1991) - suspense (rpt) 2:05 Como Agua Para Chocolat (1992) - Drama set during the Mexican revolution about a young woman's magical about a young woman's magical cooking skills (107 mins)

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■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Giro City (1982) – Karl Francis directs this British drama about responsibility in the media, as seen through the eyes of an idealistic documentary-maker (Glenda Jackson) and a sensation-seeking TV journalist (Jon Finch) (97 mins) 23:40 The Deep Sty (1958) – war move starting Deep Six (1958) - war movie starring Alan Ladd. On the eve of WWII an American naval officer who is a Quaker has has doubts about going to war (103 mins)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: History 12:00 East Meets West 13:00 United States of Television 14:00 Open University 16:00 East Meets West 17:00 United States Television 18:00 Open University 20:00 Manhattan Cable 20:40 Archeology 21:10 Equinox 9 22:00 Air Combet 22:50 Mahattan Cable 23:30 Archeology 00:00 Open University 00:00 Open University

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17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Migrating Birds 18:30 From Day to Day - chat show 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Opening Shots 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Doctors' Talk 21:15 Weekly Column 23:15 Night Pop 23:45

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Reading 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea with Delphi 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jews of North Africa in the Colonial Period 18:30 On Israeli films in the '90s 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Exams 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 G.P. – Australian medical drama series 21:30 American Cinema 22:30 Spirited Talks

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 ITN News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Winners 6:00 Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Ushuaie 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 ITN News 22:00 Europa 2000 22:30 ITN News 22:00 Europa 2000 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

STAR PLUS

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■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Speed world 11:00 Eurogoals

12:00 Australian Open tennis 13:00
Live men's alpine skiing from France
14:30 Australian Open tennis 19:00
Figure skating 22:00 International
boxing 23:00 Australian Open tennis
– today's highlights 00:00 Snooker
1:30 Pro-wrestling

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Live Australian Open tennis 8:00 Billiards 9:00 Squash 10:00 Live Australian Open tennis 14:00 Asian soccer 15:30 Futbol Mundial 16:00 Australian Open tennis high-lights 20:00 Billiards 21:00 WWF 22:00 Australian Open tennis high-lights 23:00 Asian soccer 00:30 Futbol Mundial 1:00 Australian Open tennis highlights 2:00 Live Australian tennis highlights 2:00 Live Australian Open tennis

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8:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Rameau: Orchestral suite from Nais; Mozart: Concerto in E flat for 2 pianos and orch K365; ; Cherubini: Requiem in C minor; Debussy: 3 Nocturnes; Shostakovich: String quartet no 5 in B flet op 92 (Borodin Qt) 12:00 Light Classical – classic jazz 13:00 Flutist trena Grafenauer - Boismortier: Sonata in E minor for flute and harpsichord op 37/2; More: Chaconne in G for flute, harpsichord, cello and double bass; Marin Marais; La Follia for flute and continuo; Blavet: Sonata in G minor for flute and harpsichord no 4: Couperin: Concert Royal no 4 for flute and continuo 14:06 Encore
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Paratroopers light memorial candles last night at Beit Lid, at a ceremony marking the first anniversary of the terrorist bombing. Twenty soldiers and one civilian were killed, and scores wounded, in the assault by a suicide bomber.

Bipartisan move aims to change electoral system

THE Labor Knesset faction yesterday unanimously decided to change the electoral system, however the change would nuly affect the elections for the 15th Knesset, scheduled for 2000.

The idea being proposed is to divide Knesset lists into 60 candidates to be elected on a regional basis and 60 on a national nne.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres supported the idea Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, although in favor, expressed reservations. Peres reminded the MKs that the Labor Party conference had

supported a mixed national and regional election system. He said it is inconceivable that the prime minister be elected in direct elections and the Knesset

through a proportional system. Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish claimed that the Knesset now favors changing the system, and that Lahnr should not let the small parties veto it.

Before the faction meeting, a different discussion had been held nn the subject with Justice Minister David Liha'i, Internal LIAT COLLINS

Security Minister Moshe Shahal, Netanyahu, Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, Labor secretary-general Nissim Zvilli, Likud faction ebairman Mosbe Katsav, Haggai Merom (Labor), and Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

The background to the meeting was a hill drawn up by eight MKs from different parties. The proposal speaks of two options: either 60 MKs being chosen on a regional basis and 60 on s national basis, or 30 MKs being elected regionally and 90 nationally.

The latter is preferred by the National Religious Party, whose MKs are also seeking to change the current system. Zucker said the bill could pass

this Knesset and go into effect for the elections in 2000. Liha'i said the Knesset has been dealing with the issue for

eight years, and "it is time to make a decisinn." The proposal preserves the

proportional principle so as not to upset the smaller parties. The

country would be divided into 20 regions; three MKs would he

elected for each region. Shahal said that in maintain a consensus, the reform should be carried out in twn stages, 30:90 first and then 60:60. Zvilli suggested raising the electoral threshold from 1.5 percent to

Katsav warned against harming the representation of smaller parties and said that ideally at least a third of the Knesset should be from smaller factions. He suggested creating a committee of MKs and academics to submit

recommendations. Netanyahu said that although the principle of direct elections is important, there are certain faults with the proposed bill, above all that the smallness of the country would make it difficult to divide it into 20 regions. He also suggested establishing a committee of MKs to present their recommendations within a munth.

Zvilli said postponing the decisinn by a month could result in burying the hill.



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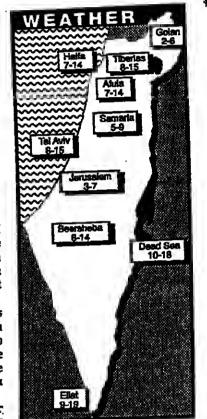
THE dispute between Polgat and workers at the Ouman textile plant in Ofakim flared up again yesterday, as Polgat reneged on the severance pay agreement reached 10 days ago.

As a result, Omnan's workers again barricaded themselves in the closed plant and set fire to tires at the entrance, while the Histadrut gave the workers a free band in their contacts with

Polgat, which had agreed after exhausting negotiations to pay Ouman's 180 fired workers severance pay ranging from 45% to 95% above the required minimum, announced yesterday that the basis for calculating the pay is 72% less than the sum previously

In addition, Polgat stated that it would not include the benefits component in the workers' wages -30% of their pay - as part of the severance pay agreement.

Evelyn Gordon adds: The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved NIS 4 million to combat unemployment in Ofakim, which has recently suffered the closure of several factories, such as Ouman. The money will be used to finance transportation to jobs in other towns, as well as to provide incentives for agricultural work.



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Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, 7 of hearts, jack of diamonds, and 7 nf

NEWS IN BRIEF

GSS gets extension on measures

The Ministerial Committee nn the General Security Service yesterday extended by three months the GSS's permit to use "special" measures, including "mnderate physical pressure," during interrogations.

The meeting was attended by outgoing GSS head Karmi Gillnn and the new chief, Ami Ayalon. Missing from yesterday's deliberations was Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal.

'Poland should return Jewish property'
Deputy Fnreign Minister Eli Dayan met yesterday with Pnland's
Special Envoy to the Jewish Diaspora Kaziztov Slivinzky and told him his government should pass legislation to restore Jewish property lost during the Holocaust. Dayan suggested that such restitutinn begin with Jewish public property, the proceeds of which could be devoted to restoring many Jewish sites in Poland. He also asked for Poland to support the establishment of a museum of the heritage of Polish Jerusalem Post Staff

Knesset panel to discuss check cashing

The Knesset Finance Committee will hold a meeting next week on a television report stating that banks do not verify signatures on checks up to NIS 1,500. The banks explained that such checks are insured. so it is not worth the manpower to examine each signature. However, the committee wants to make sure customers are really protected.

Bill would ground overloaded truckers

Truck drivers who overload their vehicles by 25 percent or more above the legal limit, or who spend more hours behind the wheel than the law permits, could have their trucks grounded for 30 days, according to a bill approved by the Knesset Economics Committee for first reading yesterday. The bill, by Gideon Patt (Likud), was supported by Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, who noted that overloaded trucks accounted for about 40% of all accidents involving trucks last year.

Evelyn Gordon

Payis sales '95 reached NIS 1.65 b.

Mifal Hapayis sales last year amounted to some NIS 1.65 billion. director Gideon Gadot announced yesterday. This represents a 17 percent growth in lottery ticket sales over 1994, he said. Gadot singled out the "Hish-Gad" instant winner item as the sales growth leader; at NIS 510 million, it increased 45% compared to 1994. The Mifal Hapayis budget for 1996 is NIS 2.1b., up 23% over last year. Jerusalem Post Staff

